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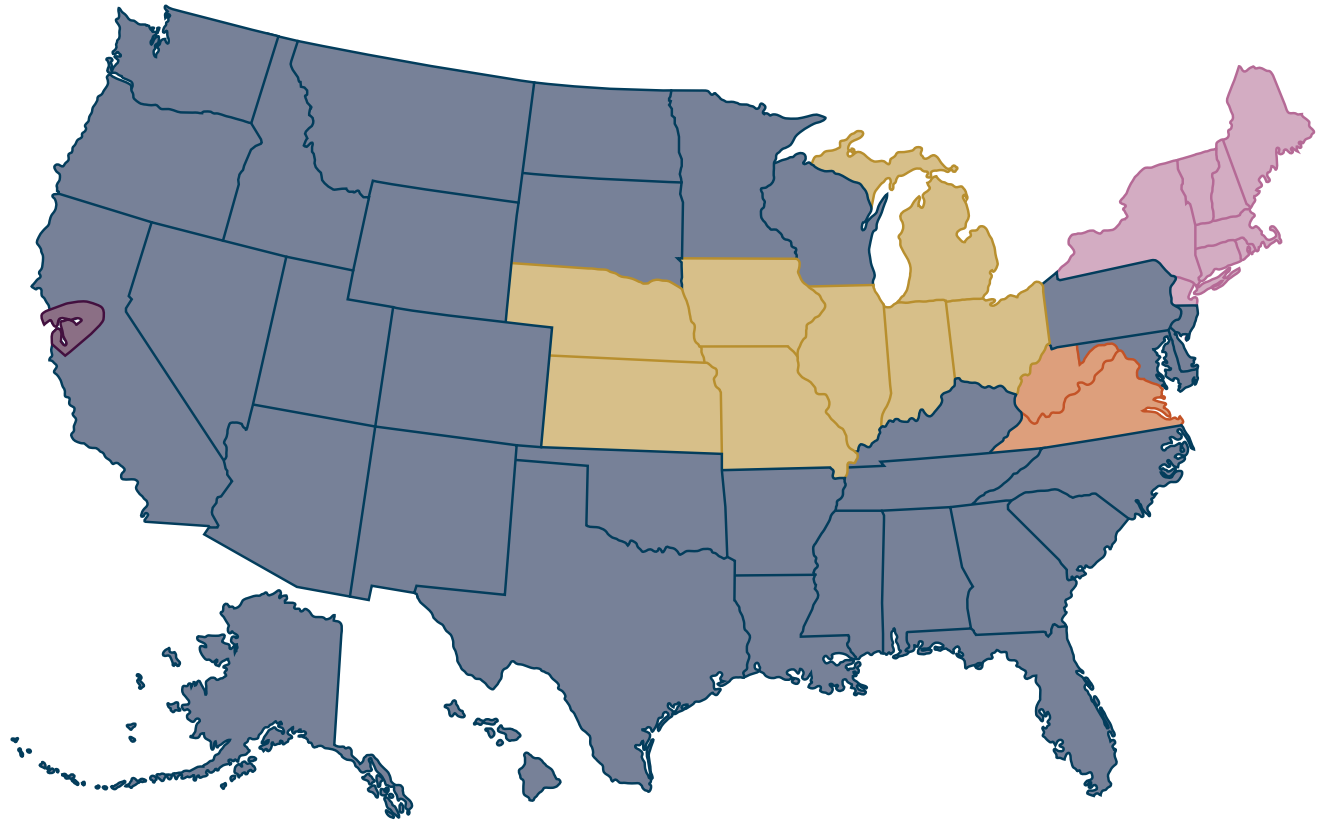
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Goodnight America 7x7

Taffy Tales, Charlotte Pepper

Summary

Say goodnight to America. **Goodnight America** is a charming board book that takes little readers on a cozy, cross-country journey from coast to coast. With gentle, rhyming text and vibrant illustrations, this bedtime favorite introduces a fascinating fact about each region—perfect for sparking curiosity while winding down for the night.

This keepsake beautifully celebrates the beauty, culture, and spirit of America, and is coming out just in time for America's 250th. **Why readers will love Goodnight America:**

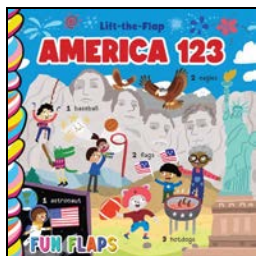
- **Cozy bedtime journey:** Gentle rhymes and soothing text make it perfect for winding down.
- **Educational and fun:** Introduces fun facts about different US people, regions, and landmarks.
- **Vibrant illustrations:** Colorful, detailed artwork brings America's landscapes and culture to life.
- **Celebrates America pride:** A heartfelt tribute to the country, ideal for families.
- **Durable and kid-friendly:** Sturdy board book pages hold up to repeated reading by little hands.

Whether for a bedtime routine or a keepsake for young Americans, **Goodnight America** is a sweet, educational, and heartwarming way to say goodnight.

Taffy Tales
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Board Book

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Juvenile Fiction /
Biographical
JUV004020

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America 123

Carrie Hager, Judy Wilson

Summary

Happy 250th birthday, America!

America 123 takes little adventurers on a counting journey through some of the most beloved American scenes—from bustling farms to peaceful wildlife parks, and beyond. Each number introduces a new set of objects to count, whether it's **1 barn, 3 eagles in a forest, or 10 stars in the night sky**. Whimsical illustrations bring each setting to life, making it easy and fun for kids to count while exploring the beauty and diversity of America.

The **thick flaps** make it perfect for small hands to engage with, revealing surprises and fun facts as children learn about the objects they're counting—offering both a counting lesson and a mini exploration of American culture. From rural farms to breathtaking national parks, *America 123* lets children experience America's natural beauty while developing important early math skills.

Timed to celebrate **America's 250th anniversary in 2026**, this playful and educational book is a wonderful way to introduce your little ones to counting while fostering a love for the rich diversity of the United States.

Why You'll Love This Book:

- **Engaging Early Learning** – Combines counting practice with fun facts and beautiful illustrations to make learning enjoyable.
- **Interactive Lift-the-Flap Design** – Sturdy flaps encourage hands-on exploration and keep curious toddlers entertained.
- **Celebrate America's Beauty** – Perfect for patriotic families or as a keepsake gift to commemorate America's 250th anniversary.

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The Star-Spangled Banner

America's National Anthem

Francis Scott Key, Flowerpot Press, Bea Moritz

Flowerpot Press
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Juvenile Nonfiction / History
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Summary

Can you sing it loud and proud?

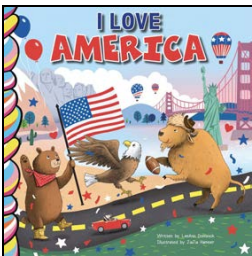
With bright illustrations and bold design, this interactive board book brings the words of “The Star-Spangled Banner” to life for the youngest patriots. Perfect for little hands and curious minds, each page highlights the beauty, bravery, and pride wrapped up in America’s most iconic song.

Whether you’re learning the lyrics for the first time or simply want to share the anthem’s spirit with your child, this is a keepsake that will grow with your family through every Fourth of July, Veterans Day, and school assembly.

Perfect for:

- Toddlers discovering national symbols
- Parents introducing U.S. history
- Educators and classrooms
- Patriotic gifts and family collections

Sing. Share. Celebrate.



I Love America

Taffy Tales, JiaJia Hamner

Summary

I Love You, USA – A Patriotic Board Book for Little Hands and Big Hearts

Celebrate the land of the free and the home of the brave with *I Love You, USA!* This lyrical board book takes readers on a joyful journey across America, comparing a parent’s boundless love to the breathtaking beauty and iconic landmarks of the United States. From Montana’s big skies to the Gulf Coast bayous, from the soaring Rocky Mountains to the shining seas, this book is a tribute to everything that makes America unforgettable.

Releasing just in time for Independence Day and America’s 250th birthday, this keepsake title is perfect for patriotic families who want to share their love for their country—and each other—with the next generation. With playful rhymes and stunning illustrations, *I Love You, USA* is as big, bold, and beautiful as America itself.

Why You’ll Love This Book

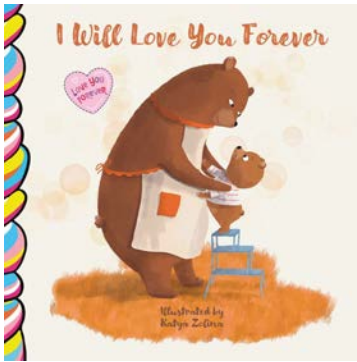
- **A Heartfelt Celebration of America:** Features iconic landscapes and cultural touchstones that make the U.S.A. extraordinary.
- **Perfect for Patriotic Holidays and Everyday Pride:** Ideal for July 4th, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or as a gift for new parents who love their country.
- **Encourages Early Learning and Family Bonding:** Rhythmic text and vivid art foster language development and make story time memorable.

Whether you’re cheering at a small-town parade, waving the stars and stripes, or simply celebrating the everyday beauty of life in the U.S.A., this book will inspire pride and joy on every page. Because when it comes to love—like America—it knows no bounds.

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I Will Love You Forever 7x7

Taffy Tales, Katya Zolina

Summary

I Will Love You Forever (Love You Forever Series)

Celebrate the unbreakable bond between mother and child with **I Will Love You Forever**, the newest addition to the best-selling **Love You Forever** series. This heartwarming board book uses sweet, rhyming questions—"Mama, do you love me? Why do you love me? Will you always love me?"—to show a mother's limitless love, from climbing mountains to crossing oceans. Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers, this story balances humor and heartfelt devotion, creating moments for families to laugh, cuddle, and connect.

Why you and your child will love this book:

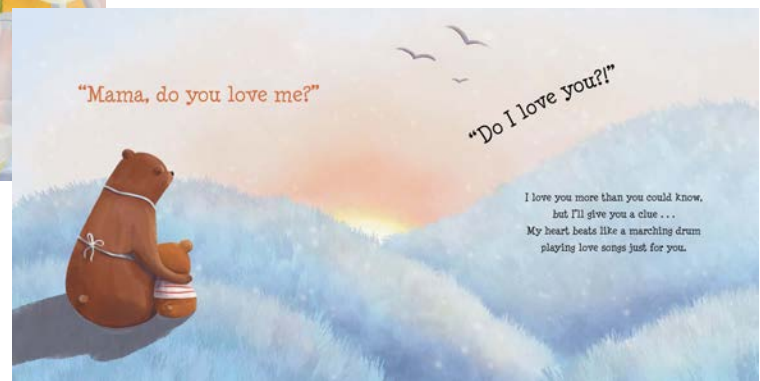
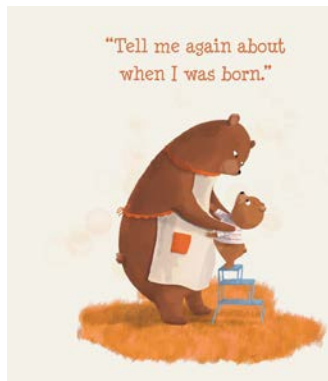
- **Nice mix of humor and sweetness**
- **Heartfelt, playful storytelling:** Rhyming questions and answers capture the joy, humor, and warmth of parent-child love.
- **Engaging illustrations:** Each page invites young readers to explore, pause, and savor the story together.
- **Timeless keepsake:** Durable board book format makes it perfect for repeated readings, bedtime bonding, or gift-giving.

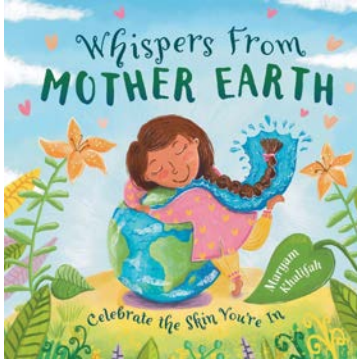
Both touching and delightfully fun, **I Will Love You Forever** is ideal for daily reading, special moments, and family celebrations. Children will smile, and parents will find themselves saying, "Yes, forever and always."

About the Love You Forever board book series: The **Love You Forever** series from Taffy Tales celebrates the people, places, and moments that matter most. These beautifully illustrated and colorful board books promote language development, social-emotional learning, and imaginative play. Each title is designed to be read again and again, creating cherished memories for families.



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Whispers From Mother Earth

Celebrate the Skin You're In

Maryam Khalifah

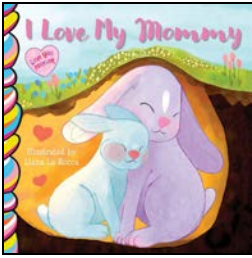
Summary

In "*Whispers From Mother Earth; Celebrate the Skin You're In*", gentle letters from Mother Earth remind children that their skin—no matter the color, tint, or tone—is a beautiful reflection of the world's natural wonders. The story encourages children to embrace their individuality, drawing parallels between the beauty of nature and their own unique identities. This debut picture book by the talented author and illustrator Maryam Khalifah features charmingly soft and delightfully joyful illustrations that add a warm, comforting touch, making this delicate message feel like a loving embrace from Mother Earth.

Contributor Bio

Maryam Khalifah is a talented author / illustrator whose debut picture book, "*Whispers from Mother Earth: Celebrate the Skin You're In*" is scheduled for release late fall 2024. Coming from a multiracial background, Maryam is a huge proponent of seeing those from similar minority backgrounds represented in her artwork; as such, she loves illustrating diverse and multiracial characters like herself. Maryam is half Mauritian and half English. On her mother's side of the family there are Christians, Buddhist, and Sufi Muslims. Maryam is inspired by nature, music, and diving into imaginative play with her students. When she's not illustrating, she can be found enjoying walks through her local forest (conveniently located opposite her house!), going to yoga classes, and diving into a wonderful book with a good cup of tea.

LOVE & FAMILY



I Love My Mommy 7x7

Liana La Rocca

Summary

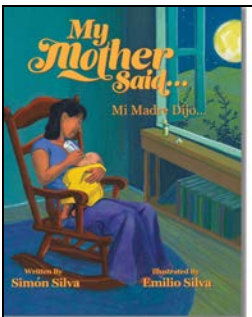
I Love My Mommy is a tender and joyful celebration of everything that makes moms so special. From warm hugs to wise words, from laughter-filled playtimes to bedtime snuggles, this charming board book captures the many reasons a child's love for their mother grows every day. Perfect for toddlers, preschoolers, and young readers, it's a book that moms and kids will treasure reading together again and again.

Why readers will love this book:

- **Celebrate the unique bond with Mom:** Delightful rhymes and heartwarming illustrations make this the perfect gift for Mother's Day, birthdays, or any day you want to say "I love you."
- **Engaging and playful storytelling:** Children will enjoy discovering fun details in the illustrations while connecting with the humor, love, and warmth in every page.
- **A keepsake for families:** Part of the best-selling Love You Forever series, this board book is sturdy, beautifully illustrated, and designed to be cherished for years to come.

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My Mother Said

Mi madre dijo

Simon Silva, Emilio Silva

Summary

My Mother Said: Mi Madre Dijo is a heartfelt tribute to all mothers. Through warm, expressive illustrations and tender bilingual text, this book honors the endless love, strength, and creativity mothers pour into their families every day, especially demonstrated from the lens of Latina moms. Written by Simon Silva and illustrated by his son Emilio Silva, each page is a reminder of the countless sacrifices, the courage in daily challenges, and the unwavering commitment that define motherhood. A celebration that goes far beyond one holiday, this book is a love letter to every mom who gives her all—deserving recognition not just once a year, but every day.

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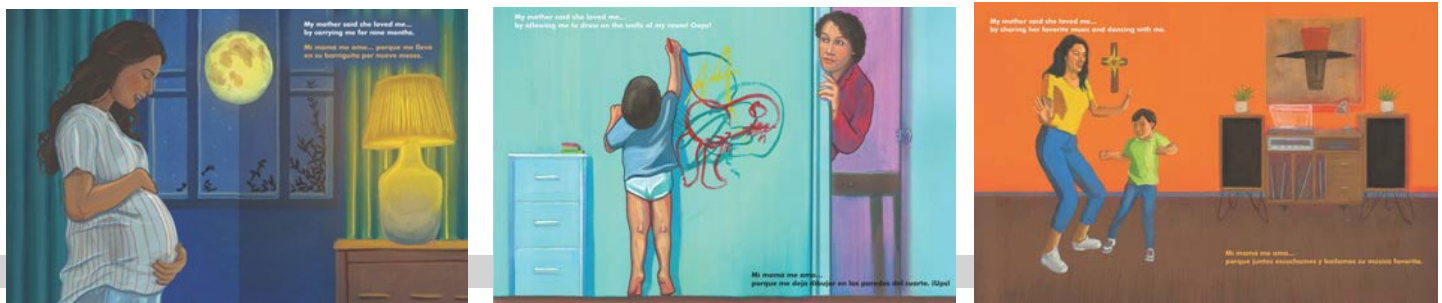
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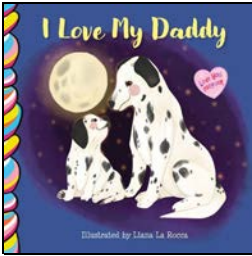
Contributor Bio

Simón Silva was born in Mexicali, Mexico. He is the seventh of eleven children and grew up in the Imperial Valley near the Frontera. He describes his family as not having extra money for entertainment, which led him to begin drawing. Wanting a better life for himself away from the harsh conditions of working in the fields, he decided to go to college and got his Associate Arts degree from Imperial Valley College. He then followed that with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Illustration from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. Since then, Silva has made a career out of painting, public speaking, and writing.

Emilio Silva is an illustrator from California.



LOVE & FAMILY



I Love My Daddy 7x7

Liana La Rocca

Summary

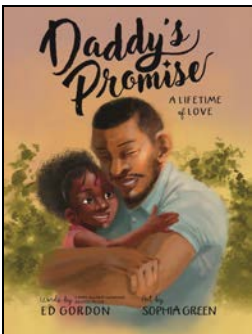
I Love My Daddy is a heartwarming board book that celebrates everything wonderful about dads—their strength, their wisdom, their silly jokes, and the stories they love to share about “the good old days.” From hard work to playtime giggles, this sweet story captures the special bond between father and child in a way that feels tender, funny, and true. Perfect for toddlers, preschoolers, and young readers, it’s a book that dads and kids will enjoy reading together again and again.

Why readers will love this book:

- **Celebrate the special bond between father and child:** Delightful rhymes and charming illustrations make this a perfect gift for Father’s Day, birthdays, or any day you want to honor dad.
- **Engaging and interactive storytelling:** Kids will love pointing out the playful details in the illustrations and discovering the humor and love in every page.
- **A keepsake for families:** Part of the best-selling Love You Forever series, this board book is sturdy, beautifully illustrated, and designed to be cherished for years to come.



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Daddy's Promise

Sophia Green, Ed Gordon

Summary

Award-winning journalist Ed Gordon continues the efforts of his Daddy’s Promise foundation with this beautiful celebration of the father-daughter bond.

In this gentle and affirming keepsake, a father makes a pledge to his daughter: to always love her, support her, uplift her, and protect her,

no matter what.

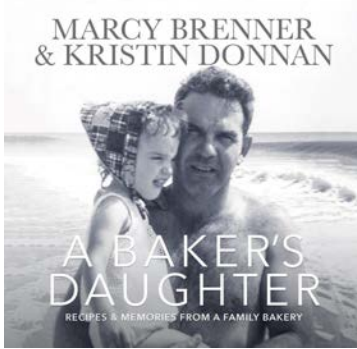
Inspired by the pledge at the heart of author Ed Gordon’s **Daddy’s Promise Foundation**, as well as his relationship with his own daughter, this book is perfect for daddy-daughter reading, the ideal gift for new fathers, and a way to encourage all paternal figures to commit to taking an active role in their children’s lives.

Contributor Bio

Ed Gordon is an Emmy award-winning journalist and broadcaster noted for his work with BET, CBS, NBC, and NPR over the past 40 years. During this time Ed interviewed many high-profile people and became known for his hard-hitting, inspiring, intelligent, honest, and direct approach to journalism. Ed Gordon has received an Emmy Award, the Journalist of the Year Award from the National Association of Black Journalists, and an NAACP Image Award. He was named to *People* magazine’s “50 Most Beautiful People in the World” list in 1996 and was nominated to the Alumni Academy of the Western Michigan University School of Communication in 2006. In 2009, Gordon established Daddy’s Promise, a nonprofit that celebrates the bond between men and their daughters.

He has one daughter, Taylor, and two stepchildren from his marriage to Leslie Gordon. He is based in Detroit, Michigan with family.

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A Baker's Daughter

Recipes & Memories From a Family Bakery

Marcy Brenner, Kristin Donnan

Summary

This is what happens when a devoted daughter revives her famous-baker-dad's recipes—and uncovers a hidden family history.

In this narrative cookbook, Marcy Brenner's devotion to her dad, Max, is evident from the first line to the last—but her journey of discovery goes back in time, to long before she tasted her first Chocolate Top Cookie.

We follow her journey, starting with a childhood of working holidays at Brenner's Bakery in Alexandria, Virginia, and culminating in teaching herself to bake like a pro in her own kitchen. To learn Max's secrets, she decoded his cryptic, commercial recipe cards. In so doing, uncovered an unexpected story—one of generations of bakers who both protected their past and used love as their primary ingredient.

Features fifty primary recipes, with variations, and a special "Notes" section on banking tips and tricks—including how-to's for bread starters. Plus, more than 100 four-color process photos, along with black-and-white illustrations of Max's favorites. The narrative pages include Brenner family photos, past and present.

Contributor Bio

Marcy is a musician, songwriter, author, and cancer advocate. She balances a need for solitude with her joy in sharing music and serving others; this book, *A Baker's Daughter*, allowed her to serve her ancestors by telling a story they could not tell for themselves—along with celebrating her father. Her music audience, many of whom also were fans of the family bakery, have been thrilled to bring his recipes into their own homes.

A 2008 documentary film of Marcy's inspirational cancer-survival story, entitled *Dead Girl Walking*—made by Ray Schmitt of Real Earth Productions—won the Amazing Grace Award at Toronto's BreastFest Film Festival, among other honors at various festivals and events.

Marcy has written, recorded, and published three original music CDs: *Home To Me*, *Another Year Blooms*, and *My Live Oak*.

Kristin (Marcy calls her Krissy) comes by her profession because she fledged from a family tree populated by writers, from both branches of the maternal line.

She has spent her career as a freelance writer, authoring or coauthoring several books—including *Rex Appeal*, the source material for the 2014 Emmy®-winning documentary *Dinosaur 13*, a film she assisted during production. She also owns an independent publishing company called Rockin' Dog Studio, and writes, researches, and/or edits for other authors, as well as for television, film, and giant-screen projects. She adores Chocolate Top Cookies.

Tunes and Wooden Spoons III (3rd Edition)

Come In, the Kettle's On!

Mary Janet MacDonald

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Summary

In 2020, during the middle of the COVID pandemic, Mary Janet MacDonald from Port Hood, Cape Breton, Canada became an international Facebook sensation with her show, Tunes and Wooden Spoons. In 2021, her first book, Tunes and Wooden Spoons: Recipes from a Cape Breton Kitchen, became a national bestseller. She followed that up in 2022 with her second book, Tunes and Wooden Spoons: Love Without Measure.

She's back with the third and final book in the trilogy. In Tunes and Wooden Spoons: Come In, the Kettle's On!, Mary Janet and her daughter, Margie, take us on an incredible culinary journey into several Canadian-Maritime kitchens where they find good company and tasty food. Come In, the Kettle's On!, grandmothers and grandfathers from throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island invite us into their kitchens where they share their secrets to healthy eating and strong families.

From the 102-year-old grandmother in Pomquet who is still making rolls for family and friends to home cooks and bakers in Halifax, Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Miramichi, Janeville (near Bathurst), and the small fishing Acadian village of Shippigan, you'll enjoy incredible visits with inspirational people as well as delicious Maritime foods!

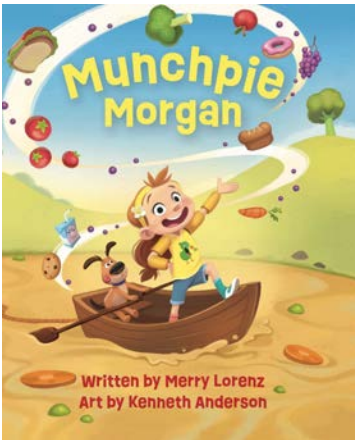
At every house, Mary Janet and Margie met at the door and were invited to "come in" and have a cup of tea. They visited with humble bakers, widowed seniors who needed time to chat, and others on fire with their baking. Their hearts (and bellies) were filled at every stop.

If you enjoyed the first two books in the Tunes and Wooden Spoons series, then this book is a "must have" for fans of Mary Janet MacDonald. So come on in, the kettle's on!



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Munchpie Morgan

Merry Lorenz, Kenneth Anderson

Summary

Have you ever wondered what happens if your snacks become... you? Munchpie Morgan does! From angel hair pasta to ears of corn, her munching sparks a hilarious, wonderful adventure woven with playful rhyme. Get ready to giggle and maybe even try *on* a new food with this tasty tale - perfect for even the pickiest of eaters!

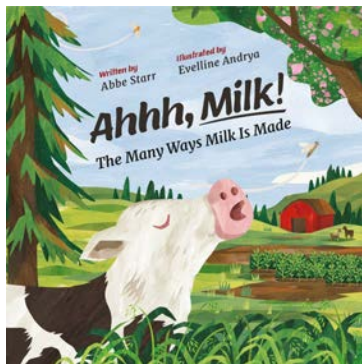
Contributor Bio

Merry Lorenz has embraced writing as her true passion for several years. It began with heartfelt but fun poetry she'd leave as uplifting messages for her coworkers during holidays. Not long after she found that they would seek her out for something "special" just for them. This feeling of being able to brighten someone's day with her writing led her to explore everything from poetry accompanied by pictures and drawings like personal greeting cards to invitations and quirky performances at her work and special events.

Writing from the heart has always been Merry's approach, capturing the emotions and essence of those she writes for. Her memoir, "The Ink Pen," beautifully reflects her relationship with her estranged father in a little book about a BIG love. The Ink Pen intended for her father was actually meant for Merry's hand.

In her classic children's book, "Munchpie Morgan," Merry delves into the whimsical world of children's storytelling, inspired by a treasured moment with her granddaughter, Morgan. This real-life experience of pretending and imagination transformed a potentially dull car ride into hours of pure joy. Munchpie Morgan helps children realize that "you are what you eat" through playful themes and food-inspired idioms. Munchpie sparks the imagination of both children and adults alike.

With a heart full of love and a pen full of creativity, Merry aims to share the boundless fun and imaginative wonders of Munchpie Morgan with the world. Her writing, a blend of emotion and pragmatic creativity, touches the lives of all those who read her work, spreading smiles and inspiration along the way.



Ahhh, Milk!
The Many Ways Milk is Made
 Abbe Starr, Evelline Andrya

Summary

Like a stream gives and grows, on this earth, sweet milk flows.

Follow along on this lyrical journey to discover the many kinds of milk produced around the world. From the more familiar cow and goats’ milk, to oat milk, rice milk, coconut milk and more. AHHH, MILK! takes young readers on a geographical and culinary journey that crosses cultures and highlights the way milk brings people together.

Combining rhyming text with vibrant, richly-colored illustrations, this book will leave readers amazed at all the ways milk is made and consumed in communities around the world. It explores themes of sharing and the interdependency of all living things, making it an ideal addition to classrooms, elementary Life Science curricula, library story times, and more.

Contributor Bio

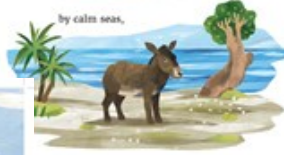
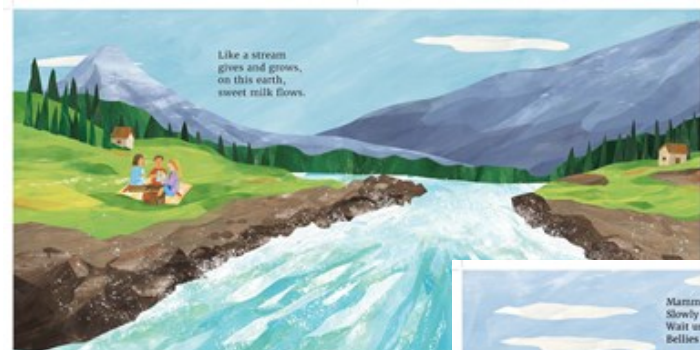
Abbe grew up in the rolling hills of Wisconsin. Being surrounded by fields and farms, moos and milk, she saw nature working to give to others every day. Abbe writes poetry, ready-to-read, and picture books. She is a storyteller in her community and uses puppets and paint to bring her stories to life. Abbe is the author of ten nonfiction children’s books written for the educational market. As a former teacher, Abbe wrote plays, puppet scripts, and stories to keep her kindergarteners learning and laughing. Abbe is always ready for an adventure with her husband, three sons, and two daughters-in-law. She likes mountain hikes, golf, yoga, and running. Connect with her at <https://abelstarr.com>.

Evelline was born in Sumatra, Indonesia. She grew up with a mix of cultures, including Chinese and Javanese. She was influenced by vintage greeting cards that she found in her grandma’s drawer, comic books, vintage picture books, and animated movies. She graduated from an academy of art and design in 2006 and started her freelance career in 2010. Since then, she has illustrated more than 35 children’s books. Her illustration style is a mix of traditional medium and digital collage. She loves how her acrylic brushstrokes create unique textures for her digital illustrations. In her spare time, Evelline loves to create paintings with acrylics and watching behind-the-scenes of stop motion animated movies. Learn more about Evelline on Instagram @evellineandrya.



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The Great Tamale Treasure Hunt!

La gran búsqueda de los tamales

Naibe Reynoso, Claudia Navarro

Summary

The Great Tamale Treasure Hunt is an imaginative bilingual children's book that celebrates Latino culture, family traditions, and the delicious joy of tamales! When Abuela's stove breaks down just before the holidays, her three adventurous grandchildren set off on a fantastical treasure hunt to track down the tastiest tamales in the land. Along the way, they explore magical lands filled with salsa rivers, chipotle ants, and tamale-filled lagoons—learning about teamwork, problem-solving, and the importance of family and cultural heritage. With vibrant illustrations, playful rhymes, and a festive storyline, this book is perfect for holiday read-alouds, classroom celebrations, or storytime at home. A delightful way to share Latinx holiday traditions, Spanish language learning, and the timeless bond of family—all wrapped in one flavorful adventure!

Contributor Bio

Naibe Reynoso is a Mexican-American, Multi-Emmy award-winning journalist and author based in Los Angeles, California. She is the founder of Con Todo Press, a mission driven company that publishes award-winning books that amplify the stories of Latinos and other underrepresented communities. She is the mom of two children, Giselle and Brayden.

Claudia Navarro is a Mexican Illustrator, with more than 20 years of experience. She has worked for various publishers, such as Edelvives, Panamericana editorial, Barefoot Books, Children's Publishing House, ed. Norma, Ediciones el Naranja, Arte Público Press, and more.



Rainy Day for Tortas Fritas

Lau Moraiti

Summary

A rainy day in Uruguay means one thing—delicious tortas fritas!

Join a loving family as they gather in the kitchen to prepare this traditional fried sweet flatbread, turning a gloomy day into a heartwarming celebration. With the rhythmic patter of raindrops outside and the scent of golden, crispy treats filling the air, this delightful picture book captures the magic of food, family, and tradition. Featuring Moraiti's signature dreamy illustrations, *Rainy Day for Tortas Fritas* beautifully brings to life the sights, sounds, and flavors of a cherished culinary tradition. Perfect for young readers and food lovers alike, this book is a feast for the senses and an invitation to explore Uruguayan culture.

Key Features:

- A heartwarming story about family, tradition, and the joy of homemade food
 - A celebration of tortas fritas, a beloved Uruguayan treat, perfect for little foodies
 - Great for multicultural storytime and introducing children to global cuisines
- Snuggle up and savor the warmth of this sweet story—because every rainy day is better with tortas fritas!

Contributor Bio

Lau Moraiti is a children's book author-illustrator from Uruguay. Story themes she loves to explore: growing up, finding your path, and learning to accept change. Her aim is to make readers feel "cozy and at home" through fun, engaging, and adorable worlds and characters. Her favorite mediums are watercolors and colored pencils.

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Día lluvioso para tortas fritas

Lau Moraiti

Summary

A rainy day means Tortas Fritas for all!

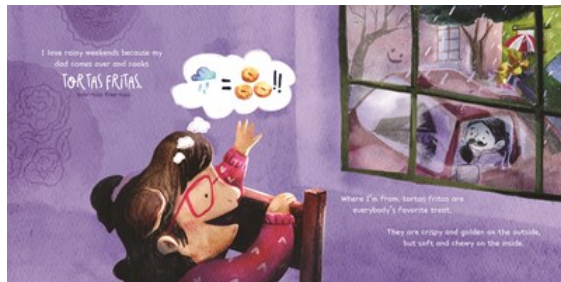
Watch a family make tortas fritas, a fried sweet flat bread from Uruguay, on a rainy day. With Moraiti's signature dreamy illustrations, this book will leave food-lovers mouths watering.

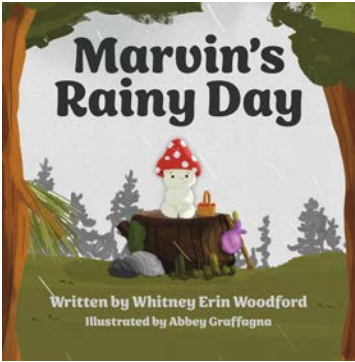
Contributor Bio

Lau Moraiti es una ilustradora de libros infantiles de Uruguay. Temas de historias que le encanta explorar: crecer, encontrar tu camino y aprender a aceptar el cambio. Su objetivo es hacer que los lectores se sientan "acogedores y como en casa" a través de mundos y personajes divertidos, atractivos y adorables. Sus medios favoritos son las acuarelas y los lápices de colores.

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Marvin's Rainy Day

Whitney Erin Woodford, Abbey Graffagna

Summary

Marvin must be brave. As a storm fills the forest with rain and thunder, this lovable, little mushroom finds the courage to leave his cozy home and venture out on his own. With his trusty, purple knapsack that Mama filled for him, Marvin slips and slides his way through the forest, facing his fears and making new friends along the way.

He discovers the true power of what Mama has given him, absolutely everything he could ever possibly need.

A tender tale of courage, kindness, and the strength we carry with us everyday- no matter what storm we face.

Contributor Bio

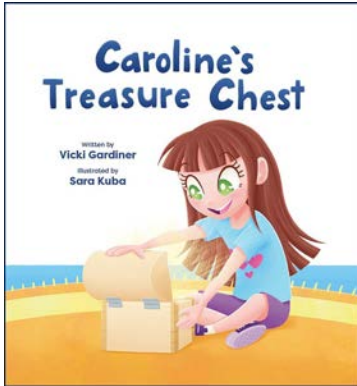
Growing up on a family farm in Wisconsin, Whitney's love for exploring the outdoors started at an early age. Being in nature has always provided fresh inspiration for her creative mind to wander. The idea for this tiny, loveable, mushroom came to life while hiking a favorite trail along Lake Superior's North Shore. Whitney is a proud Marquette University graduate, registered nurse, amateur artist, writer, avid hiker, and mom of two beautiful girls. With a wild imagination and never ending love for adventure, you will often find her exploring new places, writing poems on post-it notes, dreaming of her next mountain to climb, or simply lost in a book.



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Caroline's Treasure Chest

Vicki Gardiner, Sara Kuba

Summary

This heartwarming children's book helps kids manage anxiety, build confidence, and discover their inner calm.

Caroline is bright and imaginative, but sometimes, her worries feel too big to handle. With the gentle guidance of her wise grandmother, she discovers a magical treasure chest filled with special tools to help her feel brave and peaceful. From "Breathing Magic" to "Positive Pebbles", each tool is a different piece of treasure, teaching Caroline coping skills that calm her mind and help her find her own strength.

As Caroline learns to face her fears with courage, children are encouraged to understand their emotions, practice mindfulness, and believe in their ability to overcome challenges. **This story introduces children to positive mental health exercises, explores intergenerational family bonds, and features the science of anxiety—and overcoming it!**

RELATABLE AND EMPOWERING STORY FOR KIDS: Children will connect with Caroline's experience and learn practical ways to manage worry and anxiety.

ENCOURAGES MINDFULNESS AND RESILIENCE: Through relatable examples, this story introduces breathing, positive thinking, and self-soothing strategies that kids can use every day. Caroline's journey reminds young readers that bravery means facing challenges and believing in themselves.

EMPHASIZES FAMILY AND LEARNING: As Caroline explores her treasure chest with her grandmother, children will be encouraged to connect to their own families and value the knowledge that they share.



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Grandma hands Caroline a small chest, and they both peek inside. She sees a few rocks, a journal, a jar, a picture of a dandelion, a book of coupons, and a new stuffed puppy.

"But, Grandma Rose, how are these things supposed to help stop the thoughts inside my head?" Caroline asks.





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Sage and Her Seven Dresses

Dympna Hayes, Valeria Shapovalova

Summary

Sage LOVES her seven dresses!

There's the princess dress from Grandpa that makes her feel like she's guarding a big castle. The sundress from Grandma that she wears to the beach to build the tallest sandcastles. The bunny dress from Nana that keeps her warm and cozy all winter long. The fancy dress from Papa and Gigi that makes her feel extra fancy for special days. The dancing dress from her cousin that makes her feel cool just like her older cousin. The mountain bike dress from her dad that she wears when she zooms through the trails. And her favorite dress from Mom, perfect for snowboarding down snowy hills.

During the day, Sage wears her dresses on adventures big and small. But at night, when the world feels quiet and still, she puts on each dress and thinks of the family members who gave it to her.

Full of fun and heart, *Sage and Her Seven Dresses* is a sweet story about love, family, and the magic of family.

Contributor Bio

Dympna Hayes is Sage's nana! She is also an adventurer. Dympna's grandpa was a teacher. Her nana was a teacher. Her dad was a teacher. And now Dympna teaches kayaking all around the world. She has been everywhere—from the far north of Canada to Antarctica, to Greenland, to Australia, and a whole lot of places in between. But her favorite place of all is in British Columbia, cuddled up with her grandkids, reading fun books like this one!

Valeria Shapovalova is from Kyiv, Ukraine, but she is currently based in Spain. She is influenced by her father who was an artist and photographer. Valeria studied graphic design, which revealed her passion for illustration. She loves to work with bright colors and textures and finds inspiration in the little joys in life including the mountains, stars, nature, and loving moments with her family and pets.



Dive

Volnei Canônica, Mariana Massarani, Bruna Dantas Lobato

Summary

A true dive into the enchanting inner world of a unique boy, where wonder and creativity flow through the vast ocean of the autistic universe.

In this heartfelt narrative, we follow the journey of a worried mother and a compassionate doctor as they explore the enchanting inner world of a uniquely special boy. As they delve deeper, they discover that his world is as vast and profound as the ocean—a place of wonder, depth, and emotion.

This sensitive and respectful story offers a luminous window into the autistic universe, celebrating the many ways we can connect, understand, and embrace one another. Through vibrant, expressive illustrations and lyrical prose, *Dive* reveals the beauty and complexity of human connection, inviting readers to see the world through fresh, compassionate eyes.

Tender and humorous, this visually rich tale is a celebration of empathy, creativity, and the mysterious inner worlds of children. It invites readers of all ages to dive into the ocean of feelings we all carry inside.

Contributor Bio

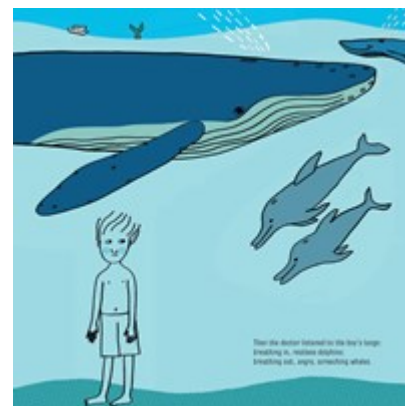
Bruna Dantas Lobato is a writer and translator. Her fiction has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Guernica*, *A Public Space*, and *The Common*. Her translation of *The Words That Remain* by Stênio Gardel received the 2023 National Book Award for Translated Literature. Originally from Natal, Brazil, she lives in Iowa and teaches at Grinnell College. Her debut novel, *Blue Light Hours*, is out now from Grove Atlantic.

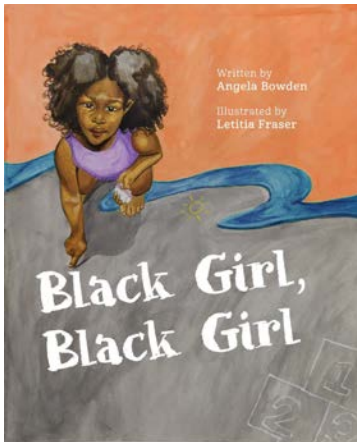
Mariana Massarani was born and lives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She studied industrial design at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) and works as an illustrator for newspapers, magazines, books, and artworks. She has illustrated around 250 children’s books by various authors and has also written several books. Many of these have received awards from the National Foundation for Children’s and Youth Books (FNLIJ), selected for *The White Ravens Catalogue*, and have won numerous Jabuti Awards and an HQ Mix Trophy. Her illustrations have been exhibited in Brazil, Italy, Germany, South Korea, and Japan.

Volnei Canônica was born in Caxias do Sul, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. He is a prominent Brazilian author and advocate for children’s and youth literature. He is the founder of the Instituto de Leitura Quindim and has coordinated several literary programs at the Ministry of Culture of Brazil. His books have won several awards. *Dive* is his debut English publication and was inspired by and dedicated to his godson, who inspired him to explore the ocean of possibilities and diversity within the autistic universe.



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Black Girl, Black Girl

Angela Bowden, Letitia Fraser

Summary

A vibrantly illustrated picture book celebrating of Black girl power from celebrated spoken-word poet Angela Bowden and rising-star artist Letitia Fraser.

*Girly or braided with cowrie shells
Cornrows of history her magic tells
Of dreadlocks Bantu knots and stunning afros
Bonnets and wraps with a beautiful bow
Black Girl, Black Girl*

A powerful message of self-love for melanated girls of all shades, hair textures, sizes, expressions, ages, and passions, this musical work of spoken-word poetry explores all the lives a Black girl can dream of – from athletics to STEAM-related careers, journalism and law, art and medicine, and more. Through vibrant, colourful artwork, young readers will recognize illustrations of famous Black women from across North America, like Simone Biles, Drs. Angela Davis, Mayann Francis, and Carrie Best, alongside local heroes from Nova Scotia's historic Black communities.

Encouraging imagination, confidence, and being your whole authentic self, this bold and beautiful read-aloud will inspire Black girls everywhere to claim their space in the world, and lift each other up in the process.

Contributor Bio

Angela Bowden is an African Nova Scotian poet, author, TEDx speaker, writer, and activist. A descendent of the stolen Africans sold through the transatlantic slave trade, her roots were preserved through the Black Loyalists' arrival in Birchtown and subsequent migrations to Guysborough County and New Glasgow, where she was born and raised. Her ongoing work and published book of poetry, *UnSpoken Truth: un-muted and unfiltered*, highlights, documents, and challenges systemic and overt racism entrenched in Nova Scotia. A strong advocate of self-care, she encourages self-love, self-empowerment, deep healing, and change. Angela writes in many genres; *Black Girl, Black Girl* is her first children's book.

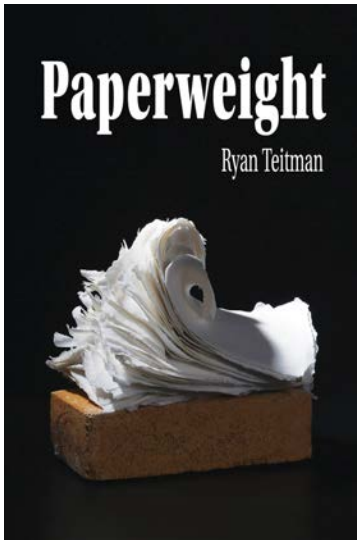
Letitia Fraser is an interdisciplinary artist with a focus in painting and textile. Born and raised in Halifax Nova Scotia, Letitia is also a proud descendant of North Preston. She is a graduate of NSCAD University, and draws inspiration for her paintings from her family and community's history of quilting. Her artwork has been featured in exhibits at the Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia, the Freedom Festival Art Exhibit, in magazines and books, and has received the Nova Scotia Arts Endowment Fund Scholarship and the 2018 RBC Emerging Artist Award from Nova Scotia Talent Trust. She was longlisted for the 2022 Sobey Art Award. Fraser continues her practice in Halifax, NS.



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Paperweight

Ryan Teitman

Summary

Ryan Teitman's second book uses myths and meditations to create gemlike, multifaceted poems. Filled with doubles and dreams, *Paperweight* dives into how humans harness their ability to create—whether to make works of art or to simply find hope in the depths of grief. By exploring the boundaries of the prose poem, Teitman finds unexpected lenses through which to view the beauty of the natural world, the breadth of contemporary culture, and the narratives of everyday life.

Contributor Bio

Ryan Teitman is the author of the poetry collection *Litany for the City* (BOA Editions, 2012). His poems have appeared in *Gulf Coast*, *Poetry*, *The Southern Review*, *The Threepenny Review*, and *The Yale Review*, and his awards include a Wallace Stegner Fellowship, a MacDowell Fellowship, and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship. He lives in Glenside, Pennsylvania, with his wife and daughter.



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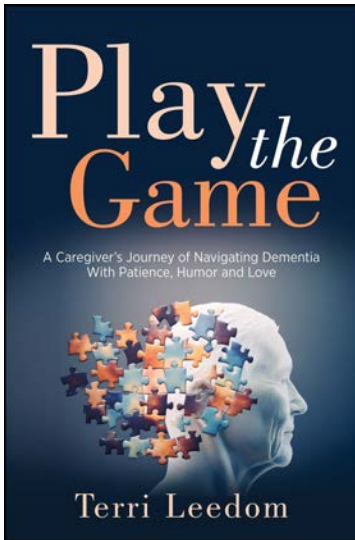
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Play the Game

A Caregiver's Journey of Navigating Dementia with Patience, Humor and Love

Terri Leedom

Summary

Play the Game is a deeply compassionate, personal account of author Terri Leedom's journey as a caregiver to her mother living with dementia. From the earliest signs of the disease to her mother's final decline, this memoir offers a candid look at the realities of a condition that erodes memory, but never love.

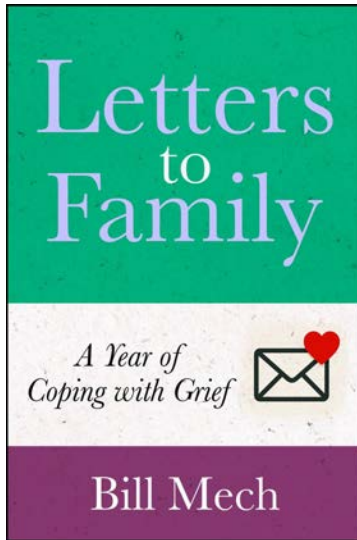
Leedom shares how she learned to play "the game of dementia" one day at a time, following her mother's lead and finding connection with her mother's new and ever-changing reality. She showed up each day with good humor and a willingness to meet her mother wherever she was in her mind.

Blending Leedom's honest storytelling with accounts of others who have faced similar experiences, *Play the Game* offers guidance for how caregivers can gain access to the mental world of their loved one with patience and empathy, and provides heartfelt insight into establishing new connections. It's a holistic approach for anyone embarking upon or already navigating this challenging path, including a checklist of common dementia symptoms, practical caregiving suggestions, and self-care tips for desperate times.

Contributor Bio

Terri Leedom is a retired graphic designer and an award-winning author and speaker. Her first book, *My Silly Granny* (2022), is a light-hearted children's book inspired by her mother's journey with dementia and has won three children's book awards. Her second book, *Play the Game*, is written for adult caregivers and offers heartfelt insight, guidance, and shared experiences from those supporting loved ones through dementia.

Terri lives in West Des Moines, Iowa and enjoys spending time with her family and romping with her granddogs. She also enjoys crafting macramé, traveling, photography, music, and the Green Bay Packers. Terri is most inspired outdoors, connecting with nature.



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Letters to Family

A Year of Coping with Grief

Bill Mech

Summary

In the early hours of the morning after his wife's accidental death, Bill Mech chose to write a heartfelt email answering his family's concerns. His children, his in-laws, and his nieces and nephews were not only worried about him but were also struggling with their own grief. He figured he would respond to everyone with a single letter, sent to all.

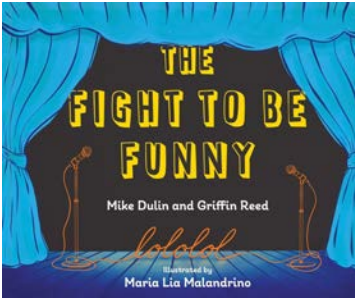
His effort to connect with his loved ones during this difficult chapter in their lives grew into a form of therapy. The words Mech shared in his letters echoed his relatives' thoughts and emotions—the things he was doing to cope, his milestones, the crushing emotional turbulence, the white-knuckled navigation of suddenly going it alone through both the old and the new. He shared object lessons from meditative walks on trails near his home, reactions to passages of Scripture, insights into how faith might intersect with loss, and records of the family's collective memories of his wife.

When twelve months had passed, Mech realized he had unwittingly written a diary of his first year in grief, along with the fresh signs of healing, embracing “the new normal,” and once again feeling joy. It suddenly made sense why he'd found the most helpful books weren't the ones that advise how to pull yourself together, but those that share the ways we all fall apart.

Letters to Family is an epistolary chronicle of one man's journey through grief, and an unconventional example of how to confront your own. May these letters offer you compassion and empathy wherever you are in your journey toward healing.

Contributor Bio

Bill is an actuary who writes poetry, a risk manager who plays ukulele, a seminary grad who loves pickleball, a singer/songwriter who periodically preaches and teaches, a worship leader who grows wine grapes along his back fence, and a recent widower who now facilitates grief groups. A Jesus-follower for over 50 years, Bill met his late wife Diane while helping start youth worship services using Contemporary Christian Music (before it was called that) during the Jesus Revolution years of the early 1970s. While still teenagers, they married soon after, raised two children to responsible adulthood, mentored young couples as they were once mentored, led Bible studies both together and separately, and retired together during the COVID-19 pandemic. His current vocation involves using words and music, both speaking and singing, to uplift and encourage other Christ-followers. Bill lives in Des Moines, Iowa.



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The Fight to Be Funny

A Dad Joke Battle

Mike Dulin, Griffin Reed, Maria Lia Malandrino

Summary

Laughter has no age, and *The Fight to Be Funny* proves that humor is a language everyone can enjoy. This lively story invites kids to explore jokes and puns, sparking creativity and a love of wordplay. With vibrant illustrations that bring each joke to life, the book keeps young readers entertained while teaching them how to craft their own jokes. Plus, it stays fresh and fun with new jokes regularly added through QR codes, making each reading experience unique. It's a delightful way to inspire creativity, connect through laughter, and share a good time across generations.

Contributor Bio

As part of a larger corporate communications team, Mike Dulin spends his days translating complex technical concepts into accessible stories, and working to get creators of the future excited about science, engineering, art and words. When he's not busy at work, Mike enjoys spending time with his family, particularly teaching his daughter about the power of sarcasm and the need for optimism.

Mike has degrees in landscape architecture and fine art from the Rhode Island School of Design and a masters of communications from Bellarmine University.

Griffin Reed is clearly a pen name. Why? Well, by day he's a serious artist type, but honestly his most important job is chief eye-roll inducer for his teenage daughter. "Griffin Reed" sounds more like the name of a superhero's alter ego... or maybe a not-so-successful magician. It's definitely not the moniker he uses for his other artistic endeavors. But when it comes to being the resident dad-joke champion for his amazing daughter, this pseudonym lets him embrace his inner goofball. Because in a world that can be far too serious sometimes, a little laughter is the best kind of magic.



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Laugh

Uncle Ian Aurora, Natalia Moore

Summary

Uncle Ian is back and this time, he's bringing the giggles!

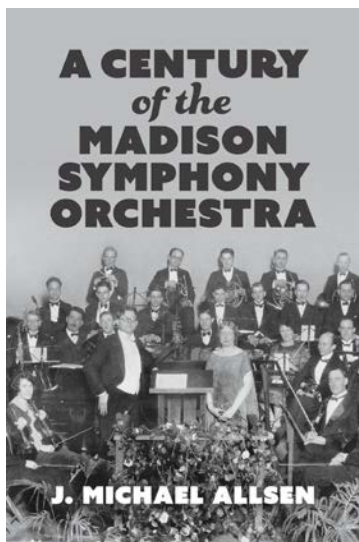
Follow a cheerful girl as her contagious laughter spreads throughout her day, turning ordinary moments into something bright and joyful. From chuckles to chortles, snorts to guffaws, laughter fills the air and lifts everyone's spirits. But the best laughs happen at home, where sharing smiles with family makes every day extra special. Bursting with playful rhyme, cheerful illustrations, and plenty of joyful moments, this hilarious addition to the Uncle Ian Storytime series reminds readers of all ages that laughter truly is magic—and the best kind is the kind we share.

About the Uncle Ian Storytime series: This series is a beloved favorite among librarians, teachers, and families for its high-energy, interactive storytelling that gets kids clapping, stomping, cheering, dancing, and laughing along. Each rhythmic read-aloud celebrates movement, multicultural traditions, community connection, and social-emotional learning, making it perfect for group story times or lively classroom settings. With titles like *Clap*, *Stomp*, *Cheer*, and *Dance*, young readers are invited to explore the world, honor everyday heroes, and discover the joy of participation. Backed by glowing reviews—including a nod from Kirkus and praise for its inclusive illustrations and educational value—this engaging series delivers fun, heart, and a whole lot of giggles.

Contributor Bio

In the cold mountains of the north lives a man of unlimited joy and mischief. Known for his exceptionally loud, yet skillful storytelling, we were beyond thrilled when he came to us with *Clap*. Finally, we had an opportunity to share a classic Uncle Ian Aurora story with the world.

Natalia Moore lives and works in England. Her work has been published in the United Kingdom, United States, Korea, and all across Europe. Natalia has illustrated picture books, poetry, greeting cards, and even chocolate packaging. She works with mixed media and adds the finishing touches to her work digitally. Natalia likes to draw from real life and is never without her sketchbook.



A Century of the Madison Symphony Orchestra

J. Michael Allsen

Summary

A Century of the Madison Symphony Orchestra details and celebrates the history of the MSO: from its beginnings in 1926, as the Madison Civic Symphony, a largely volunteer community ensemble, to the fully professional ensemble that exists today, one of America's finest regional orchestras. It also deals with the histories of two groups closely intertwined with the MSO, the Madison Symphony Chorus and the Madison Opera. Remarkably, the orchestra has had only four music directors in the past century—Sigfrid Prager, Walter Heermann, Roland Johnson, and John DeMain—and each of them are the subject of a biographical chapter here.

Contributor Bio

Dr. J. Michael Allsen is an emeritus professor of music at the University of Wisconsin—Whitewater, where he taught music history, world music, and integrated arts courses. He has been associated with MSO in various ways since 1983, most prominently as a member of the trombone section from 1983 to 2018. He has written the orchestra's program notes since 1984, and provides program and liner notes for many other orchestras, festivals, and artists around the country.



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Music / Genres & Styles

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It Snowed

Meaghan Smith

Summary

It snowed, it snowed! It snowed last night!

Based on the popular song from JUNO Award-winning musician Meaghan Smith, *It Snowed* captures the heartwarming delight that an unexpected snow day brings. Gentle lyrics pair with thoughtful illustrations that artfully capture the childhood wonder of a day spent playing outside. From sledding down frosted hills to building snow-dogs, the whole family is sure to enjoy this winter day! And when the sun sets, readers will go to sleep wishing for another snow day tomorrow.

Contributor Bio

Meaghan Smith, a JUNO- and East Coast Music Award-winning singer-songwriter, graduated from Sheridan College's prestigious 2D animation program before pursuing her passion for music. While continuing to create music, she combines her love for art and music by writing and illustrating picture books based on her songs. Meaghan lives in Nova Scotia with her husband and two children.



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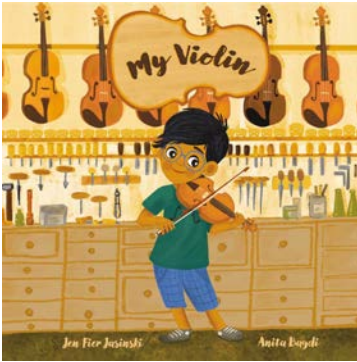
Ages 03 to 07

Juvenile Fiction / Science &

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My Violin

Jen Fier Jasinski, Anita Bagdi

Summary

***This is the backplate from which sound unfurls,
Under the f-holes carved into curls,
It rests near my chest,
Cuddled close to my chin.
My vibrant and fine violin.***

Explore the parts and the process of playing a violin through the eyes of a young musician as he watches his grandfather handcraft a violin for him to learn and play. Readers can share in the musician's joy in hearing the beautiful *ZING* and *ZUM* of his violin as he discovers the rewards of patience, practice and the art of making music with others. Using the same lyrical writing and cumulative structure found in their first picture book together, *My Piano*, author Jen Fier Jasinski and illustrator Antia Bagdi introduce a new magical story that honors the tradition of making violins and adding your own note to the musical universe.

Packed with vibrant illustrations, relevant backmatter, diagrams and definitions of each part of the violin, and the magic of being part of a musical group, this picture book will have readers everywhere applauding and asking for an encore. This is a great addition for any library, music and performing arts learning center, or home bookshelf!

Contributor Bio

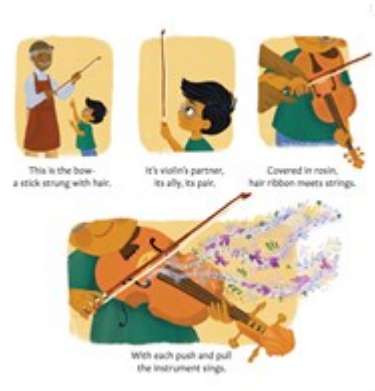
Jen Fier Jasinski spent much of her childhood reading books and imagining new worlds. Unwilling to let go of Story Time, she grew up to become a teacher, mother, and author. Now Jen writes stories with elements of humor, heart, and above all, play. She is the author of *Sidewalk Chalk*, *My Piano*, *My Violin* and *Because of You, I'm a Sister*. *My Piano* earned a starred review from *School Library Journal*. When she's not writing, Jen can be found on the sidewalks of Burke, Virginia either running or playing with her kids. Jen invites you to visit her online at www.jenfierjasinski.com.

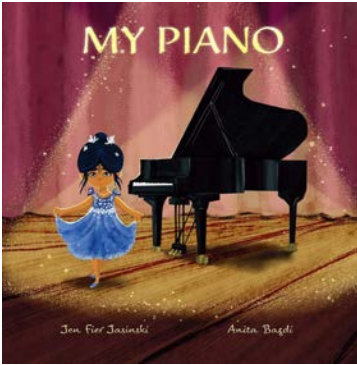
Anita is a self-taught freelance illustrator, living in Bournemouth, the sunniest part of the UK. Her days are mostly about her neurodiverse family, creating and reading children's books, drinking strong coffee and raising awareness about the climate emergency. With her quirky, whimsical illustrations she loves creating mood, telling stories with heart and important messages, stories that spark further conversations, deeper thoughts, and positive change. She is determined to add her art to missing voices, to help children become more confident in believing themselves. You can follow Anita online through her website at www.anitabagdiart.com.



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Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
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My Piano

Jen Fier Jasinski, Anita Bagdi

Summary

"A fantastic music read-aloud to showcase pianos and performances, and maybe inspire some students to prepare for their own recitals." ~ *School Library Journal*

These are the pedals, pressed down to the ground, under the soundboard where bridges are bound fixed to the frame enclosed in the case that lies on the legs with wheels at their base, to pillar and prop my piano.

Explore the workings of a grand piano through the eyes of a young musician as she prepares for and performs her first recital to a crowd of friendly faces. Using lyrical text and a cumulative structure to introduce the instrument, curious readers will easily develop an appreciation for its beauty and design. But be sure to stick around for the performance, where the music will swell - ripple - flow - up to the very end of the show.

An adorable main character and richly colored spreads will have readers everywhere applauding and asking for more. This is a great addition for any library, music and performing arts learning center, or home bookshelf!



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I watch as my hands move left and right, and finger the keys, some black, some white, that hoist the hammers, swift and light.



The sound of the crowd, drowned out by my heart.



I chew at my lips and smooth down my hair.

I look up at the lights and squint at their glare.

Rubbing the sweat from my hands to my thighs.



I take a deep breath ... then close my eyes.



Baseball ABC

Craig Sutoski, Judy Wilson

Summary

Get ready to hit a home run with Baseball ABC!

The latest title in Taffy Tales' best-selling **Fun Flaps** series, this thick board book with sturdy flaps is the perfect introduction to the ABCs for young baseball fans. Packed with playful die-cuts, interactive flaps, and tactile elements, *Baseball ABC* brings America's favorite pastime to life in a fun, hands-on way.

From A for "Ace pitcher" to Z for "Zinger," each page introduces baseball terms, playful illustrations, and even simple rules of the game. Chunky flaps and tactile features make learning letters and exploring baseball exciting for little hands, keeping kids engaged while reinforcing early literacy skills.

Why You'll Love Baseball ABC:

- **Interactive Learning Fun** – Lift the flaps, explore tactile elements, and engage multiple senses while learning the alphabet.
- **Introduction to Baseball** – Teaches basic terms, rules, and concepts of the game in a playful, age-appropriate way.
- **Durable, Child-Friendly Design** – Thick board pages and chunky flaps withstand repeated use and are perfect for little hands.

Whether they're just learning their ABCs or dreaming of their first pitch, *Baseball ABC* is a playful, educational, and interactive way to introduce kids to letters and baseball in one exciting book.

About the Fun Flaps Board Book Series:

The **Fun Flaps** series from Taffy Tales features chunky, die-cut board books that celebrate popular subjects while promoting language development and reinforcing first concepts. Bright, playful, and full of surprises, these titles are designed to be read again and again. Taffy Tales creates best-selling children's books that are cherished and remembered.

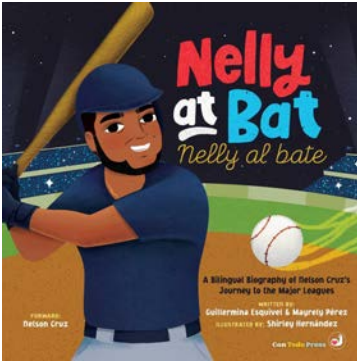
Contributor Bio

With over 30 years of experience in teaching elementary physical education, Craig Sutoski brings energy and heart to every book he writes. His stories reflect his passion for learning, movement, and inspiring young readers to explore their world. A longtime coach of hockey, baseball, and a myriad of other sports, he's spent years mentoring kids both in school and in the community. With a strong background in education, he creates books that celebrate teamwork, curiosity, and the joy of being active.



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Nelly at Bat, Nelly al bate
A Bilingual Biography of Nelson Cruz's Journey to the Major Leagues
 Mayrely Perez, Guillermina Esquivel, Shirley Hernandez

Summary

Nelly at bat: A Bilingual Biography of Nelson Cruz's Journey to the Major Leagues is an inspiring bilingual children's book that celebrates Latino pride, perseverance, and the power of dreaming big! Follow young Nelson "Nelly" Cruz as he grows up playing baseball on the fields of the Dominican Republic, fueled by passion, hard work, and an unshakable belief in his dreams. His journey to the major leagues in the United States is filled with challenges and triumphs—teaching kids that resilience, dedication, and heart can take you anywhere. With bold illustrations, encouraging text, and a heartwarming true story, this book is perfect for classroom lessons, bedtime inspiration, or family reading time. A powerful way to uplift young Latino readers, promote bilingual learning, and remind every child that no dream is too big—especially when it's fueled by courage and love for your roots! This is an authorized biography.



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 Autobiography
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Baby Loves Sports

Addie Vaughters

Summary

Cuddle up with your little all-star to enjoy this board book that is sure to be a home run at story time!

Babies love learning new things as they grow—especially things that keep them active! Each page of this bright board book shows different babies and toddlers trying out sports, learning new skills, and exploring the world around them. Simple text and exciting photographs make this perfect for baby’s first library.

Featured sports include: gymnastics, tennis, ping pong, basketball, football, baseball, volleyball, swimming, bowling, and soccer!

About the Baby Firsts series: The Baby Firsts series from Flowerpot Press is the perfect introduction to books for even the youngest of children. Each book features lots of friendly faces that draw baby’s attention and build their love for, and familiarity with, books—hopefully planting the seeds that last a lifetime!

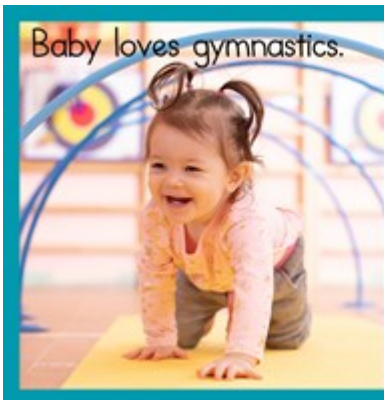
Contributor Bio

Addie grew up surrounded by the rolling hills and warm hospitality of Tennessee. From an early age, she developed a deep love for books, often getting lost in stories that sparked her imagination and curiosity. She has always had a natural warmth and kindness toward children, finding joy in their wonder and laughter. With a heart full of empathy and a passion for storytelling, Addie believes in the power of books to inspire, teach, and bring people together. Whether she’s sharing a beloved story with family or discovering a new favorite, Addie knows that every book holds a little bit of magic. She lives in Franklin, TN.

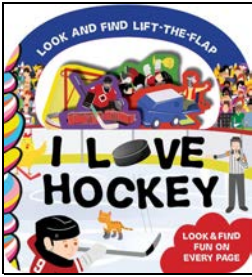


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Multicultural
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I Love Hockey

Harry Caminelli, Taffy Tales

Summary

Title:

I Love Hockey – Interactive Lift-the-Flap Board Book for Kids Fun Hockey Learning for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Product Description:

Get ready to hit the ice with *I Love Hockey*, the latest title in Taffy Tales' popular *Look and Find Lift-the-Flap* series! This exciting, interactive board book takes young readers on a thrilling journey from a friendly road hockey game to the big game on the ice, teaching them all about the fast-paced sport of hockey along the way.

The adventure begins with a fun road hockey game, where kids warm up before their exciting match later that night. As the puck drops, readers will:

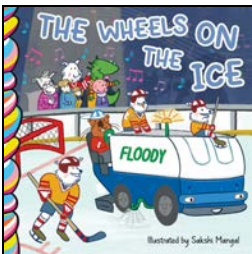
- Look, find, and count different players
- Learn basic hockey terms and positions, like forwards, defensemen, and the goalie
- Discover hidden surprises behind lift-the-flap tabs—from the locker room to the game-winning goal in overtime

With vibrant illustrations and playful interactions, *I Love Hockey* introduces young fans to the world of hockey in a fun, accessible way. Children will count players, learn about hockey equipment, and understand the rules of the game—all while having a blast. The sturdy board book format, complete with chunky tab flaps, makes it perfect for on-the-go reading.

Whether it's their first introduction to the game or an addition to their growing hockey library, *I Love Hockey* is sure to inspire a love for the sport and have kids excited to play—both on the road and on the ice!

Taffy Tales
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\$12.99 USD
Lift-the-Flap Book

10 Pages
Ages 0 to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Sports &
Recreation
JUV032110
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| 0.9 lb Wt



The Wheels on the Ice

Elena Sturgess, Sakshi Mangal

Summary

Get ready to skate, sing, and laugh!

Wheels on the Ice takes the classic nursery rhyme you love and gives it a hilarious hockey twist! From the creative minds at Taffy Tales and everyone's favorite storyteller, Mother Moose, this playful board book brings the rink to life with Zambonis, players, and all the excitement of game day—set to the tune of *Wheels on the Bus*.

Why you'll love *Wheels on the Ice*:

- **Sing-along fun:** Silly verses like "the players on the ice go on and off, on and off..." make reading interactive and memorable.
- **Perfect for little hockey fans:** Combines Canada's favorite game with playful storytelling and charming illustrations.
- **Laugh-out-loud artwork:** Adorable illustrations keep kids and adults giggling on every page.

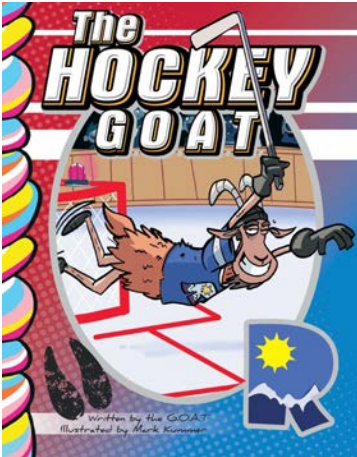
About the Mother Moose series: The Mother Moose series from Taffy Tales brings the classic charm of Mother Goose into modern, hilarious, and highly interactive board books. Each title features sing-along rhymes, playful storytelling, and delightful illustrations that make storytime fun for both children and adults. Your little one will want to read—and giggle at—these delightful books again and again!

Contributor Bio

Elena Sturgess is a Canadian author and illustrator who has always enjoyed the small-town life. She loves bringing fun stories to life with colorful and playful art. Her hobbies include playing board games, nature walks, and listening to music!

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Board Book

24 Pages
Ages 0 to 6
Juvenile Fiction / Sports &
Recreation
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The Hockey G.O.A.T.

Mark Kummer, Harry Caminelli

Summary

Meet the G.O.A.T.—the Greatest of All Time on the ice!

The Hockey G.O.A.T. tells his own hilarious story of being the best hockey player around. From outrageous comebacks to dirty dangles and the slickest moves, this goat does it all—on skates! Kids will laugh out loud as the G.O.A.T. shows off his talents, takes center ice, and proves there's nothing he can't do in the world of hockey.

Why you'll love The Hockey G.O.A.T.:

- **Hilarious sports fun:** A funny, action-packed story that will have kids laughing and cheering.
- **Unique main character:** A goat who rules the rink with humor, skill, and outrageous antics.
- **Perfect for young hockey fans:** Combines sports excitement with playful storytelling for storytime or independent reading.

Contributor Bio

Harry Caminelli is Barrie, Ontario's self-proclaimed biggest hockey fan. He's an avid follower of his hometown Barrie Colts but his heart is really in the kid's game - as he has two sons playing rep hockey in the OMHA system and has coached youth hockey for years. As a college professor at Georgian College he may have lost a few steps but you'll still find him on the ice from time to time if there's a good game of shinny going on.



Old MacDonald Had A Farm Team

Jack Stubbs, Elena Sturgess

Summary

Old MacDonald Had a Farm Team – Mother Moose Board Book

Join Mother Moose on a hilarious countryside adventure in **Old MacDonald Had a Farm Team**, part of the beloved Mother Moose series. This playful board book follows Old MacDonald as he assembles his farm team for the hockey season. From Beaver, the log-solid goaltender, to Goat, the mischievous player who headbutts opponents, picking the perfect team is a fun-filled challenge—especially before the song ends!

Why readers will love this book:

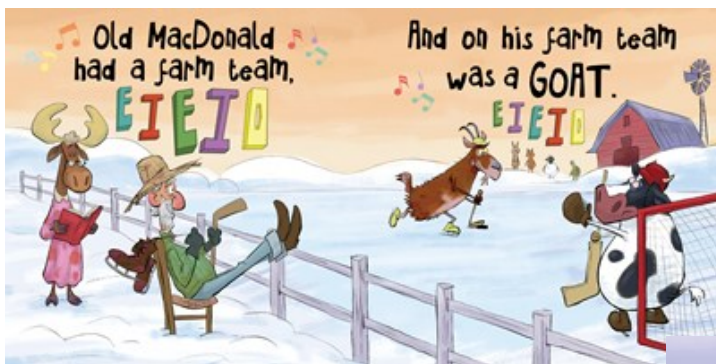
- **Hockey meets nursery rhymes:** Combines the classic “Old MacDonald” song with farmyard fun and hockey excitement.
- **Engaging characters and humor:** Delightful illustrations and funny animal antics keep children laughing and engaged.
- **Interactive, read-aloud fun:** Perfect for singing, acting out, and sharing with little hockey fans.

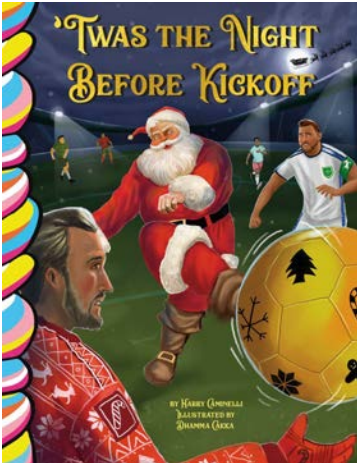
A must-have for young readers who love animals, sports, and laughter, **Old MacDonald Had a Farm Team** is ideal for bedtime reading, storytime, and gift-giving. Every hockey-loving child will want to **E-I-E-I-OWN** this book!

About the Mother Moose series:

The Mother Moose series from Taffy Tales brings playful twists to classic nursery rhymes with humor, engaging illustrations, and memorable stories. These board books are designed to delight children and parents alike, making them beloved keepsakes for years to come.

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Twas The Night Before Kickoff (soccer)

Harry Caminelli, Dhamma Cakka

Summary

Santa Trades His Sleigh for Soccer Cleats!

Twas the Night Before Kickoff (Soccer) is the ultimate festive read for soccer fans! In this hilarious and action-packed twist on the classic rhyme, Santa steps onto the pitch just in time to join some of the world's greatest soccer legends—and he's here to prove he's still got game.

From dazzling footwork to jaw-dropping headers, Santa dominates the field with skill, style, and a few magical moves that only the Christmas G.O.A.T. could pull off. A father and son watch in awe as the holiday hero turns the match into his own field of dreams—complete with coat-shaking celebrations and pure soccer magic.

✓ Perfect for soccer fans of all ages

✓ Packed with festive fun and athletic flair

✓ Originality

✓ Soccer is the most popular sport in the world!

✓ A must-have read for World Cup excitement and holiday cheer

Whether you're cheering for your favorite team or just love the beautiful game, this book is a celebration of soccer, sportsmanship, and Christmas magic like never before.

About the 'Twas the Night Before series:

The *Twas the Night Before* series from Taffy Tales started with the classic *The Night Before Christmas*—and then expanded to cover holidays, sports, and all kinds of fun celebrations! From Halloween thrills to Easter surprises (and now epic soccer matches!), these books make every occasion magical. Taffy Tales creates best-selling children's titles that families read, love, and remember year after year.



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Dinoscores

The Jurassic Winter Classic

Harry Caminelli, Jack Stubbs

Summary

Get ready for a *dino-mite* hockey adventure that'll have your little one laughing, cheering, and maybe even sharpening their slapshot!

Thomas Rex is big, strong, and ready to play hockey—but there's just one little problem: He can't skate! (Yikes!) Luckily, his dino-pal Alex is here to help, but soon enough, they discover a **way bigger problem**—Thomas doesn't know how to **stop**! But, hey, what's a little thing like that when you're a *T. rex* with a dream?

As the **Jurassic Winter Classic** draws near, Thomas and his crew of dino friends decide to throw caution to the wind and enter the tournament. After all, the Raptors have won it every year, and no one thinks Team Dino has a chance... right? WRONG! With Thomas' *sick hands* and a little practice, they just might have a shot at taking down the Raptors and ending their winning streak for good.

Will Thomas learn how to skate, how to stop, and maybe even how to score? Will the Raptors' smug faces get a *major* comeuppance? Will Team Dino finally *shine*?

Dinoscores: The Jurassic Winter Classic is packed with:

- **Hockey action** and dino-powered *slapshots*
- **Hilarious rhyming text** that will have kids giggling (and maybe even quoting lines)
- **Charming, bold illustrations** that bring the dinos to life on the rink
- And, of course, **the rascally Raptors** making sure the competition stays heated.

Whether it's a slapshot to the goal, a high-stick to the chin, or a dino-deke, this book will keep little hockey fans on the edge of their seat. Will Team Dino win the tournament? Will they skate away with the **Jurassic Winter Classic** trophy? Or will Thomas and Alex be left *frozen* in their tracks?

One thing's for sure: it's a *fossilized* good time you won't want to miss. Grab your skates, your stick, and your sense of humor—it's time for the **Dinoscores: Jurassic Winter Classic**!

Contributor Bio

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Do Your Ears Hang Low?
The Dinos Want to Know

Written by Joe Fitzpatrick
Illustrated by C. A. Franklin



Do Your Ears Hang Low? The Dinos Want to Know

Joe Fitzpatrick

Summary

Are your arms real short? Do they work to build a fort? Can they reach down to your toes? Or even touch your giant nose?

The classic nursery rhyme is turned on its head when dinosaurs decide they want to play along. Whether it's the short arms of a T. rex or the long tail of a Brontosaurus, each dino has their own special trait allowing them to really shine when a friend is in need. This endearing board book is sure to become a little dino lover's favorite story time read!

About the Dino Rhymes series: The Dino Rhymes series by Joe Fitzpatrick re-visions some of the most beloved nursery rhymes and gives them a Jurassic makeover! Each classic is remixed to feature delightful dinosaur friends and all their adventures.

Contributor Bio

Joe Fitzpatrick loves stories! He loves to hear them, see them, live them, think them up in his head, tell them to others, and (occasionally) write them down. When he writes them down and other people see them, read them, share them, tell them to others, twist them around and make them their own, it makes him happy. So he hopes you enjoy his stories, and he hopes you share them with others, because stories are more fun when they're shared!

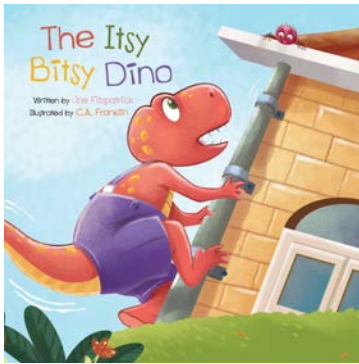
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The Itsy Bitsy Dino

Joe Fitzpatrick

Summary

The itsy bitsy dino climbed up the waterspout. The dino was too big so the screws all pulled right out!

This silly story inspired by the spider’s classic journey up the spout gets a prehistoric makeover. An ambitious T. rex decides to seek out adventure after realizing he isn’t built for climbing like his nimble spider friend. Instead, he finds something else to do that suits his size and his interests! This endearing board book is sure to resonate with little ones who are looking to combine their love of dinosaurs and classic nursery rhymes.

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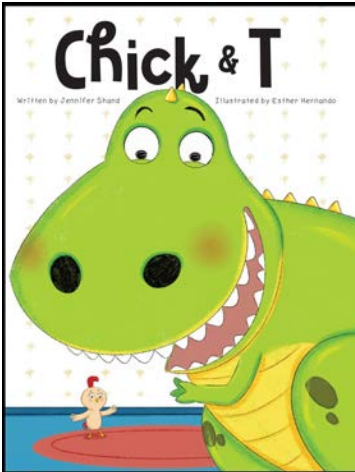


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Chick & T

Jennifer Shand, Esther Hernando

Summary

Meet T, a towering Tyrannosaurus rex with HUGE feet and an even bigger heart. Hatched millions of years after dinosaurs disappeared, T feels pretty lonely until he's adopted by a family of chickens, his closest living relatives!

Peck, his new little brother, thinks T is a great addition to the family. Chick, his new sister, isn't convinced. After all, T doesn't quite fit in. At home, he breaks the playground slide and has trouble fitting in his bunk bed. At school, he knocks things over with his tail and has to sit in the very back because none of the desks are big enough for him. But one day, something special happens and this unlikely family learns that even if you don't look the same, love is what makes a family.

Funny and heartwarming, this story about belonging and friendship shows that family is about being there for each other, no matter what!

Contributor Bio

Jennifer Shand lives in central Virginia with her husband. After graduating from James Madison University and working with children for many years, she began to write for them. She is now the author of several books for children, from the very young up to teenagers. Jennifer loves to write, travel, bake, and spend time with her husband and family. She also enjoys photography, being outside, hiking, and reading.

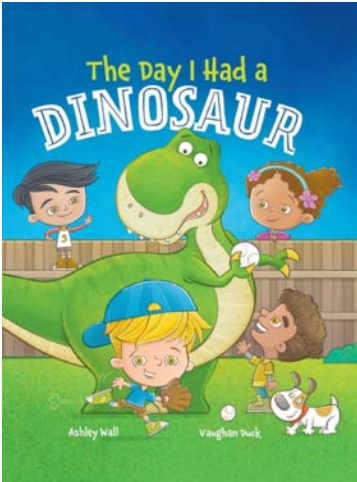
Esther Hernando is from Sabadell, Barcelona. As a child, Esther enjoyed scribbling in school. Esther studied comics and illustration in Escola Joso for 1 year before focusing on children's illustrations. Esther's work is expressive, fun, colorful, and textured. She aims to make readers smile with her illustrations.



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The Day I Had a Dinosaur

Vaughan Duck, Jennifer Rees, Ashley Wall

Summary

A 2025 Reader's Favorite Book Award Finalist

IndieReader Award: Children's Category (Board books and Pre-reading)

From the best-selling and award-winning author comes a dino-tastic adventure sure to entertain all dinosaur fans.

Have you ever had a dinosaur? Neither had Luke nor his friends ... until one day, they each showed up with their very own dinosaurs! While having fun at the park, and playing games like hide and seek, one dinosaur, Rex, had trouble with some of the activities. Luke and his friends didn't want anyone to feel left out, so they came up with games everyone could play and taught Rex new skills. The outcome ... the best-osaurus day ever!

Parents, teachers, young readers, and dino-fans will roar with laughter in this imaginative picture book that ensures no dinosaur is left out, and everyone has fun working together.

Engages children to build a love of reading from the very start.

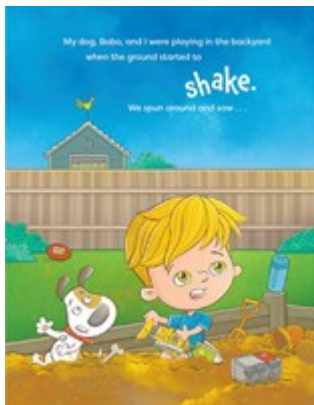
Encourages big imaginations and creativity which are necessary to build thinking skills.

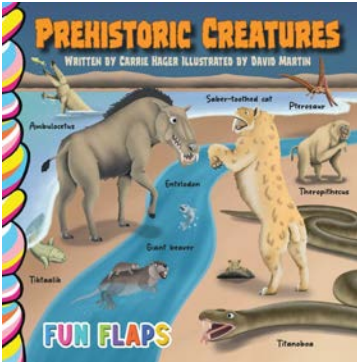
Promotes Kindness, inclusion, perseverance, and teamwork.



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Prehistoric Creatures

Carrie Hager, David Williams

Summary

Step back in time—way back!

Taffy Tales' **Prehistoric Creatures** is the latest must-have in the best-selling **Fun Flaps** series. This chunky, interactive board book is packed with stunning illustrations, fun flaps, and fascinating facts about the world's most incredible ancient animals.

From furry giants like the Woolly Mammoth to flying beasts like Argentavis and underwater monsters like Megalodon, kids will journey across icy tundras, murky swamps, cliffside skies, and ocean depths. Sturdy flaps, playful die-cuts, and a dash of humor let young readers peek under rocks, dive beneath waves, and explore prehistoric jungles—all while learning about early evolution and the amazing adaptations of these long-gone creatures.

Why you'll love Prehistoric Creatures:

- **Interactive adventure:** Lift flaps, peek under rocks, and discover hidden animals across land, sea, and sky.
- **Fun facts meet humor:** Entertaining text introduces little paleontologists to prehistoric life and early evolution.
- **Perfect for curious minds:** Engages kids with dinosaurs, mammoths, early humans, and more in a hands-on way.

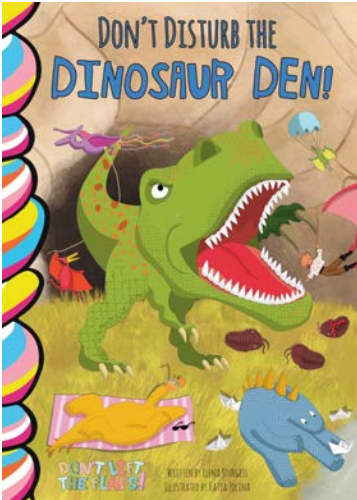
About the Fun Flaps board book series: The Fun Flaps series from Taffy Tales features chunky, interactive board books with die-cuts throughout. These colorful, lively titles promote language development, reinforce first concepts, and pack in objects to see and words to learn. Kids will want to read them again and again. Taffy Tales creates best-selling children's books that are cherished and remembered.



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Board Book

12 Pages
Ages 0 to 4
Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals
JNF003050
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Don't Disturb the Dinosaur Den!

Elena Sturgess, Katya Zolina

Summary

A Prehistoric Flap-Filled Adventure—With a Warning You Won't Follow!

Join the wildly unprepared professor and his curious crew of time-traveling tourists as they journey back to the Jurassic period in this hilarious, flap-filled adventure—**but whatever you do... DON'T disturb the dinosaur den!**

The latest laugh-out-loud title in the best-selling *Don't Lift the Flap!* series invites young readers to tour a prehistoric world of dinosaur dwellings—with one very simple rule on each spread: **Do NOT disturb the dinosaurs.**

Of course, with giant flaps to lift and irresistible tabs to pull, what child could possibly resist? And when that flap goes up—**dino chaos** breaks loose! From sleeping stegosaurus to relaxing raptors, things get wild fast when prehistoric privacy is ignored.

Why kids (and grown-ups) love it:

- Big, sturdy flaps perfect for curious little hands
- Bright, colorful illustrations packed with humor and surprise
- Interactive format keeps readers giggling and guessing
- A comical countdown to disaster on every page

Don't Disturb the Dinosaur Den is a raucous read-aloud romp that will have kids shouting "Don't do it!" (while definitely doing it). Perfect for fans of dinosaurs, mayhem, and breaking the rules just a little bit.

Warning: May cause uncontrollable laughter and repeated flap-lifting.

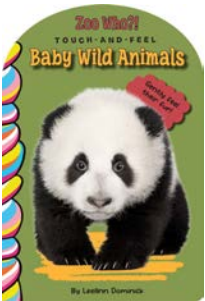


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Taffy Tales



Baby Wild Animals Touch and Feel
 Leanne Dominick
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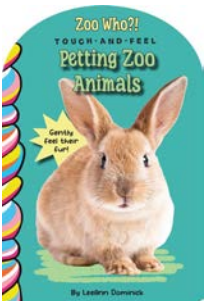
Summary:

Take a read on the wild side!

Zoo Who? is the perfect first introduction to the amazing animals of the zoo. Part of Taffy Tales' new **Zoo Who? Touch and Feel** series, this delightful board book combines engaging rhyming text with **oversized tactile elements** to create an interactive experience that little hands will love. Each spread features a real photographic image of a zoo animal and a fun fact, inviting children to **pat, touch, and feel** as they learn.



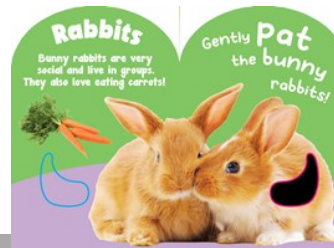
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Petting Zoo Animals Touch and Feel
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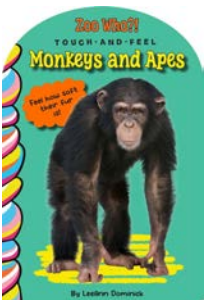
Summary: Zoo Who?

Can an animal be too cute? Find out in **Petting Zoo Animals Touch and Feel**, a delightful interactive board book from Taffy Tales' Zoo Who? series. Young readers can explore a variety of friendly petting zoo animals with oversized touch-and-feel elements, rounded edges, and simple text that introduces each animal in a fun and engaging way. Perfect for tiny hands, this tactile experience encourages exploration and early learning while fostering a love of animals.



Why you'll love Pet...

Taffy Tales



Monkeys and Apes Touch and Feel
 LeeAnn Dominick
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 Ages 0 to 3
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 Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals / Apes, Monkeys, Etc.
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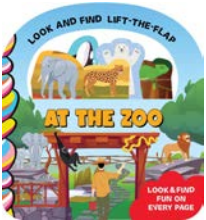
Zoo Who??

Monkeys and Apes: Touch and Feel – Interactive Board Book for Toddlers and Preschoolers

Introduce your little one to the fascinating world of monkeys and apes with **Monkeys and Apes: Touch and Feel**, a hands-on board book full of oversized textures and vibrant animal photos. With simple, engaging text highlighting key facts, this interactive book encourages tactile exploration, early learning, and a love of wildlife. Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers, it's ideal for home readi...

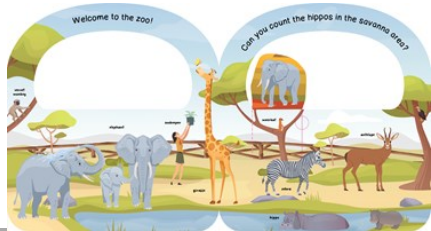


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At the Zoo

Leanne Dominick
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Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals / Zoos
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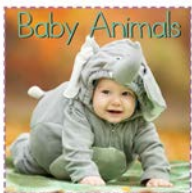
Summary:

Welcome to the zoo!

Get ready for a wild adventure with *At the Zoo*, the newest title in Taffy Tales' beloved **Look and Find Lift-the-Flap** series. This colorful, interactive board book takes young readers on an exciting journey through the zoo, where every page is packed with chunky lift-the-flap tabs hiding surprises, questions, and fun facts.

Kids will love exploring the animal kingdom—spotting lions in the grasslands, watching monkeys swing through the jungle, and discovering elephants ...

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Baby Animals

Addie Vaughters
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Ages 0 to 2, Grades P And Up
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20 pages
Board Book
Juvenile Nonfiction / Diversity & Multicultural
7 in H | 7 in W

Summary: Cuddle up with your wild one and enjoy this delightful board book made especially for baby!

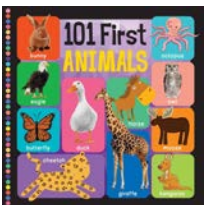
From a darling baby dressed as a chicken to a silly baby dressed as a puppy, all the cute babies in costume will have little readers mooing, hooting, and buzzing along as you turn from page to page.

Featured animal costumes include: dog, cow, shark, lion, owl, fox, chicken, elephant, cat, pig, bee, monkey, frog, goat, bunny, rooster, tiger, duck, horse, and sheep!

About the Baby Firsts series: Th...



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101 First Animals

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Pub Date: 3/17/26
Ages 0 to 3, Grades P to K
\$6.99 USD
20 pages
Board Book
Juvenile Nonfiction / Language Arts / Vocabulary & Spelling
6.8 in H | 6.8 in W

Summary: From pets at home to wild creatures of the jungle, 101 First Animals introduces young readers to the wonderful world of animals!

This sturdy board book features 101 animal names with matching images in a vibrant mix of photographs and illustrations. With themed pages covering habitats like the forest, desert, ocean, and farm, children will explore a wide variety of animals both familiar and new. Designed with a soft padded cover, simple layout, and durable pages, it's the perfect pick f...



My Community Loves Me

Romain Lubière, Dia L. Michels

Summary

I am a baby. And like many baby animals, I need a lot of care from my community!

Nature is full of examples where relatives, friends, and neighbors come together to nurture, protect, and teach their young. With soft, yet striking illustrations of North American animals, this heartwarming book offers sweet glimpses into animal behaviors and how care and cooperation are essential for raising the next generation.

From a watchful mother goose to a cozy huddle of bats, with every page young readers see how different animals give and receive care – just like they do! While children delight in the animal stories, parents and caregivers benefit from valuable guidance on how to support a baby's growth. With three layers of text connecting animals to children, and children to their caregivers, *My Community Loves Me* is a joyful celebration of empathy and the power of community.

Author of several books on how animal behaviors help us better understand ourselves, Dia L. Michels' educational focus pairs perfectly with illustrator Romain Lubière's sensitive, poetic look at nature. This early childhood book fosters a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

Contributor Bio

Dia L. Michels is an award-winning science and parenting writer of books for both children and adults. She has authored or edited over a dozen books primarily on the themes of attachment parenting and breastfeeding. This is her fourth book specifically exploring the mammal world and the lessons we can extract from studying animal behaviors. A popular speaker, she lectures frequently at conferences, universities, libraries, and schools around the country. Her books have been translated into a variety of languages. The mother of three grown children, she lives with her five cats in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

Romain Lubière was born in France in 1981. After 3 years at the *École des Beaux-arts de Saint-Étienne* and experience as a graphic designer, he turned to children's illustration in 2016. His portfolio offers a sensitive, poetic look at nature, the animal world and human feelings. He combines traditional techniques (pencil, watercolor, gouache) with digital tools.



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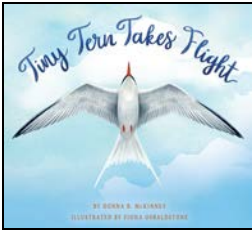
My mom nurtures and nourishes me.

American coyote pups drink their mothers' milk when they're hungry. This yummy milk helps them grow big and strong, giving them everything they need to stay happy and healthy!

 Breastfeed your baby if you can. This provides them with the perfect food for their growth and development.



ANIMALS & ZOOS



Tiny Tern Takes Flight

Donna B. McKinney, Fiona Osbaldstone

Summary

Tiny Tern's extraordinary journey begins!

Arctic terns make the longest migration of any species. Every year, they fly from the northern Arctic to the southern Antarctic—and back—spending most of the year in flight.

As the days grow shorter and colder, Tiny Tern and the flock prepare to leave the Arctic and begin their journey towards sunlight and warmth. The terns travel all the way to the other side of the world. Along the way, they encounter many dangers. Experience a bird's-eye view of getting lost in heavy storms, protecting hatchlings from predators, and finally reaching your destination.

Following the story, discover more educational content about arctic terns. Read about what they eat, how they fly, and everything they encounter during their time in the Arctic and Antarctic.

With lyrical text and wondrous illustrations, join the flock of terns on their incredible journey, and learn about the power of perseverance from the birds who do it best. *Tiny Tern Takes Flight* is a celebration of nature, featuring the seemingly ordinary tern's lifelong quest for summer sunlight.

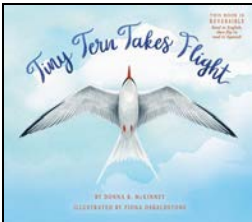
Contributor Bio

Donna B. McKinney lived most of her life in the Washington, D.C. area, where she worked at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, writing about science. Now she has another great job—writing books for kids, including her previous release titled *Lights On*. Donna currently lives in North Carolina with two full-of-mischief dogs. When she's not writing, she enjoys hiking, fishing, and playing a game called pickleball (kind of like a mix of tennis and ping pong).

Born and bred in Kent, England, **Fiona Osbaldstone** loved painting as a kid and used to paint her own versions of Disney characters. She always wanted to do something with art and went to the Kent Institute of Art & Design. She was inspired by the works of David Shepherd and Norman Rockwell for their detail and

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Charrancito se lanza a volar / Tiny Tern Takes Flight [Reversible]

Fiona Osbaldstone, Donna B. McKinney

Summary

Tiny Tern Takes Flight is now available in a bilingual reversible flip book! Read the text in English, then flip the book over and read the other side in Spanish. Perfect for ELLs and dual language learners.

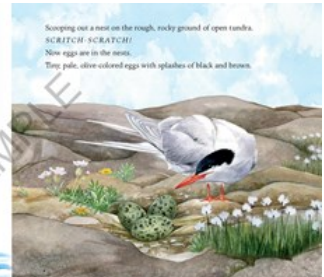
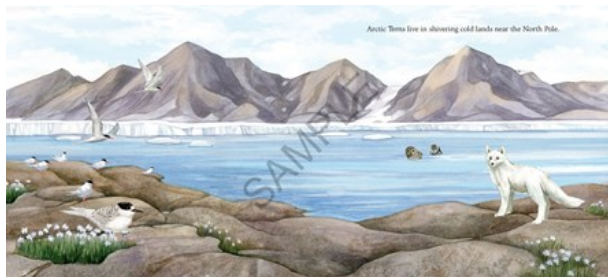
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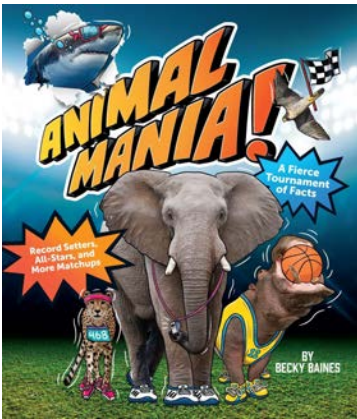
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Animalmania!

Becky Baines, Scott DuBar

Summary

Animalmania! A Fierce Tournament of Facts. Record-setters, All-Stars, and More Matchups!

It's Time for Animalmania!

Ladies and gentleman, kids and carnivores, critters of every shape, size, and species . . . welcome to the Animalmania Arena!

In this ring, we separate the kittens from the wildcats and the seal pups from the sharks to determine who's who of nature's zoo. But this is no ordinary competition! Sure, you'll discover the biggest, fastest, and fiercest, after all . . . what critter clash would be complete without a little fur flying? But you'll also discover the fanciest flipper, the most notable nose, the most adorable mascot, and even a shrimp with a sinister secret. In *Animalmania!*, any animal can be crowned king! Buckle up and get ready to cheer, when it comes to claws, jaws, and cute fluffy paws, it's about to get wild!

More about *Animalmania!*:

Introduction will focus on what readers can expect, but also with messaging on how games push us to be the best version of ourselves, and because of that, everybody wins. Competition can be healthy and fun!

Includes 14 "EVENTS"-structured as spread-based topics. Examples include: "The Need for Speed"; "Super Swimmers"; and "Fantastic Fliers." These spreads are intended to have lots of separate text entry points, perfect for reluctant readers, peppered with fun facts, and an engaging, sporty design. There will be a call to action at the book's end that will align to animal conservation, and different roles readers can take (and that others are already taking) to protect animals.

Contributor Bio

Becky Baines is a children's book writer and editor. Formerly the editorial director at National Geographic Kids, she has written books for kids on topics ranging from dogs to bones to eggs to spiders. She lives in Arlington, Virginia with her dog, Dolly Pawton.



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Giraffe Runs!

Jill Esbaum

Summary

Take a Leap, Stretch Tall, and Be Bold!

In *Giraffe Runs! – Be Bold*, young readers will cheer for a lovable baby giraffe who dares to stand tall, step forward, and take off on a joyful run through the savanna. As part of the inspiring Be Bold series, this beautifully illustrated story introduces preschoolers to the empowering journey of self-belief, courage, and perseverance.

At first unsure and a little wobbly, the young giraffe watches others gallop with ease. But with gentle encouragement and an inner spark of determination, Giraffe takes that first brave stride—and soon discovers the excitement and freedom that come from trying something new. This gentle, motivating story celebrates the beauty of personal growth and the courage it takes to begin.

Key Features:

Relatable Animal Adventures: Perfect for preschoolers, this story uses the giraffe’s experience to reflect the emotions young children feel when facing something new.

Positive Messaging: Highlights themes of courage, perseverance, and self-discovery, empowering kids to embrace challenges and believe in themselves.

Benefits for Young Readers:

Builds **confidence** by showing that mistakes and small steps lead to big achievements. Encourages children to **try new things** and **be brave**, even when they feel uncertain. Develops **emotional resilience** as kids learn that setbacks are a natural part of growth.

Promotes **early literacy skills** with easy-to-follow, engaging language.

Contributor Bio

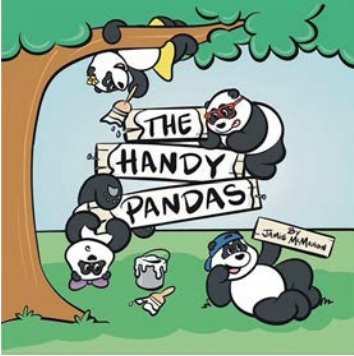
JILL ESBAUM is a widely published author of books for young readers. She is a frequent school visitor and conference speaker. She teaches writing for children at the Whispering Woods Picture Book Writing Retreat and workshops around the country. She lives with her husband on a farm near Davenport, Iowa.



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Handy Pandas

Jamie McMahon

Summary

Silver Medal Winner for Best Animal Picture book from BookFest

When the sun disappears, it's time for four clever pandas to shine!

In *The Handy Pandas*, something strange is going on. The sun is gone! Is it hiding? Sad? Did it fall out of the sky? Andy, Sandy, Mandy, and Ted are on the case! With a mix of wild ideas, silly questions, and teamwork, these four fun-loving pandas set out to solve the mystery in the most imaginative ways possible.

This charming story introduces young readers to the power of perseverance, creative thinking, and collaboration, with a healthy dose of panda-sized humor. With lovable characters and a playful storyline, *The Handy Pandas* is a delightful read for home or classroom.

This book promotes:

Creative problem-solving and imaginative brainstorming

Teamwork and collaboration

A sense of curiosity and the rewards of resilience

Perfect for:

Children ages 3-7

Young readers who love animals, mysteries, and giggles

Teaching social-emotional skills in fun, approachable ways

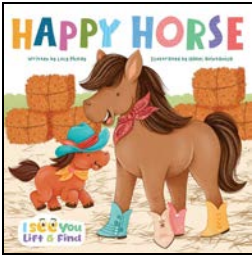
Family storytime or classroom discussions

Handy Pandas is the perfect story to keep little ones engaged, whether reading with others or independently.

Contributor Bio

Jamie McMahon has always had a love for writing, drawing, performing, problem solving, and all things creative. After receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Memphis, she has enjoyed several fulfilling careers in both the visual and performing arts such as portrait artist, gallery owner, art teacher, NBA dancer, coach, studio director and choreographer. Jamie's love of creative storytelling and problem solving inspired her to write and illustrate *The Handy Pandas*, her first children's book. Her favorite role by far is wife and mom to her three baby bears, where every day is a new adventure. Jamie McMahon has always had a love for writing, drawing, performing, problem solving, and all things creative. After receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Memphis, she has enjoyed several fulfilling careers in both the visual and performing arts such as portrait artist, gallery owner, art teacher, NBA dancer, coach, studio director and choreographer. Jamie's love of creative storytelling and problem solving inspired her to write and illustrate *The Handy Pandas*, her first children's book. Her favorite role by far is wife and mom to her three baby bears, where every day is a new adventure.

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Happy Horse

Hazel Quintanilla

Summary

I see you, happy horse, tucked behind the hay. Hide-and-seek is so much fun! I love it when we play!

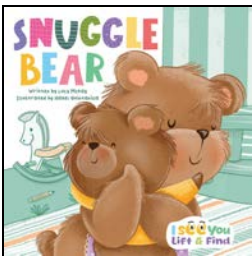
This adorable lift-the-flap book brings baby animals to life in the sweetest way! With playful rhymes and hidden baby animals to find on every page, little readers will giggle at the silly antics of a happy horse, a fluffy chick, a curious cow, and more.

Featured farm animals include: horse, rooster, cow, chick and lamb.

About the I See You series: This charming collection of lift-the-flap books brings baby animals to life in the sweetest ways! Perfect for little hands, these interactive books feature playful rhymes, hidden surprises, and adorable baby animals on every page. From silly antics on the farm to cozy cuddles in the forest, each book invites young readers to giggle, explore, and discover the joy of connection.

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Snuggle Bear

Hazel Quintanilla

Summary

I see you, snuggle bear, hiding in plain sight. Now come and jump into my arms and get a kiss goodnight.

This heartwarming lift-the-flap book is filled with cuddly baby animals and sweet surprises! With gentle rhymes and the softest, snuggliest artwork, little readers will love finding a nesting bird, a clever fox, a giggly owl, and more.

Featured forest animals include: bear, bird, fox, owl, and bunny.

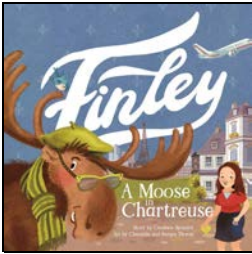
About the I See You series: This charming collection of lift-the-flap books brings baby animals to life in the sweetest ways! Perfect for little hands, these interactive books feature playful rhymes, hidden surprises, and adorable baby animals on every page. From silly antics on the farm to cozy cuddles in the forest, each book invites young readers to giggle, explore, and discover the joy of connection.

Flowerpot Press
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Pub Date: 1/13/26
\$9.99 USD
Lift-the-Flap Book

10 Pages
Ages 0 to 4, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002370
7 in H | 7 in W



ANIMALS & ZOOS



Finley

A Moose in Chartreuse

Chantelle Thorne, Burgen Thorne, Candace Spizzirri

Summary

Finley, the beloved "moose on a caboose," is back in this hilarious and heartfelt sequel full of fun and high fashion!

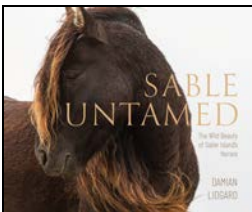
Finley wants nothing more than to attend Fashion Week in Paris. He dreams of the sights, the sounds, the smells, and...the perfect suit. But when Finley arrives in the City of Love, the most famous designers refuse to work with a moose. Although feeling defeated, Finley never forgets who he truly is - a very friendly moose, and a helpful one, too! When Finley sees an accident in the making, he races to the rescue. His kindness and quick thinking help him make a new friend ... and find his perfect color!

From the award-winning team of Candace Spizzirri and Chantelle and Burgen Thorne, Finley's quest for the perfect suit is perfect for kids ages 3-7 and sure to be a favorite for animal and fashion lovers everywhere.

Gnome Road Publishing
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\$19.95 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Ages 3 to 7
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002290

10 in H | 10 in W



Sable Untamed

The Wild Beauty of Sable Island's Horses

Damian Lidgard

Summary

Sable Island's horses are legendary creatures. Feral, unbroken, and literally untouched by human hands, they inspire curiosity, wonder, and admiration. *Sable Untamed: The Wild Beauty of Sable Island's Horses* chronicles their resilience through perceptive, intimate photography, paired with a concise, research-informed reflection on the horses' ecology.

Zoologist and photographer Damian Lidgard has had the privilege of spending several months every year since 1997 on Nova Scotia's remote Sable Island—much of that time when the island is closed to visitors. Having access to the entire island has allowed him to photograph Sable's horses in all seasons and in all weather conditions.

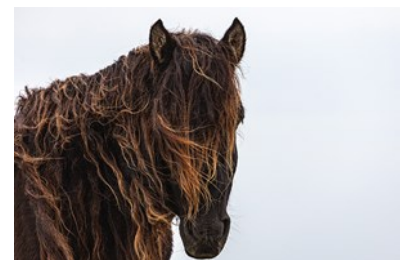
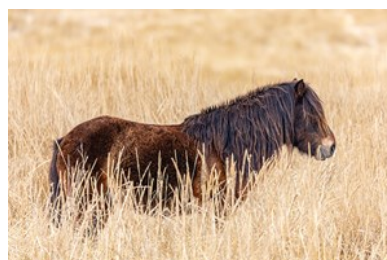
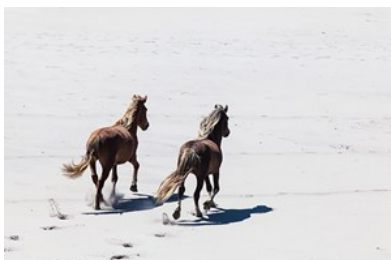
In *Sable Untamed*, Lidgard offers fascinating scientific information on the ecology of the Sable Island horse while showcasing nearly 100 gorgeous photographs of the horses and their environment, a unique landscape of shifting sand dunes, windswept grasses, and flora and fauna found nowhere else in the world. The images highlight Lidgard's contemplative approach to photography which requires time and patience to silently observe and still the mind to allow raw perceptions to arise. The stunning results depict the raw power and unmatched beauty of the Sable Island horse in this gorgeous full-colour book.

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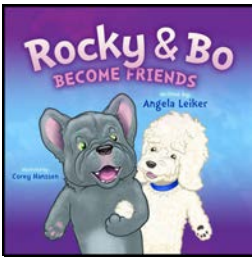
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colour photographs
Photography / Subjects & Themes

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ANIMALS & ZOOS



Rocky & Bo Become Friends

Angela Leiker, Corey Hanssen

Summary

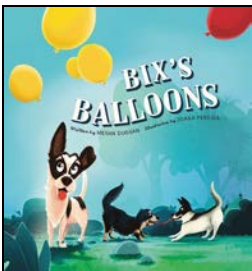
When Rocky is adopted, he relies on his new housemate, Bo, to cheer him up and introduce him to the ways of the family, how to be a good dog, and what it means to look out for one another. From this picture book about two adorable puppies, children will learn by example what friendship really means.

Contributor Bio

Angela Leiker grew up on a farm in Central Kansas. She graduated from Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Networking and Telecommunications with an emphasis in media studies. She is a mother of five who served as a preschool teacher and childcare provider for 16 years and currently serves as a substitute teacher. She now resides in Iowa with her children and husband, where she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, camping at the lake, watching her children play sports, and hanging out with her dogs, Bo and Rocky. Corey Burnett-Hanssen grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where creating things and exploring the city on his skateboard or bicycle were the biggest joys of his youth. As a self-taught artist he has contributed to the local scene there through many group art exhibitions, donated work for benefit/charity events, designed and painted murals around town. In 2013, he married his love Kimberly and moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where they share a home with their cats and dog. To this day, Corey continues to create art for himself and others and still makes time to hop on a skateboard for old times' sake.

Launch 39 Books
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\$19.95 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Ages 6 to 8
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
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Bix's Balloons

Megan Duggan, Joana Pereira

Summary

This heartfelt story about a little dog with big emotions teaches children that every emotion matters.

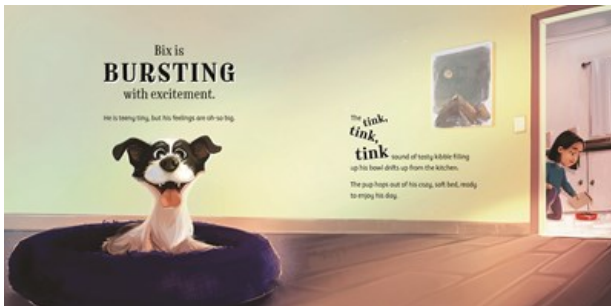
Bix may be small, but his feelings are anything but! As he goes about his day—facing ups and downs, making new friends, and celebrating wins—bright, colorful balloons begin to appear. Each balloon represents a different emotion Bix is feeling, from happiness and pride to sadness and worry. Some rise, some sink, some stretch or pop... but all of them are important.

As Bix learns to notice, name, and understand his emotions, children are encouraged to embrace the variety of them—and that they never have to face those feelings alone.

Young readers will love this imaginative tale and its vibrant illustrations, encouraging emotional awareness while fostering creativity and friendship. It's the perfect gift for any child learning how to understand themselves and others!

Mamabear Books
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\$16.95 USD
Hardcover

32 Pages
Ages 4 to 6
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002070
10 in H | 10 in W





7 Best Things About Pets

Patrick Yee

Summary

There are so many great things about the pets we love, but these are the seven best things!

We surveyed real children to find out what they love most about their beloved pets and these are the most popular answers. This book features a variety of animal friends and the things that make them most special to us including kittens that make us laugh, goldfish that listen to our stories, puppies that are always there to play, and more! Simplistic text and colorful illustrations make this a great story time read!

About the 7 Best Things series: This series was inspired by and created using what real kids say about the things they love about bedtime, friends, books, preschool, family, pets, and more. Everything from the simplistic, wise, and sometimes even hilarious things kids say to the bright and colorful art by the talented Patrick Yee comes together to make the perfect series for precocious kids with big ideas and a lot of love!

Contributor Bio

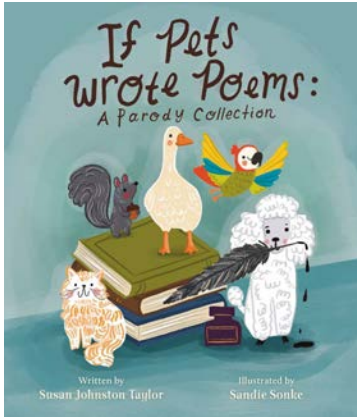
Multi-award-winning Patrick Yee is one of Singapore's leading illustrators, having illustrated more than 180 children's books. He received the Most Prolific Illustrator award from the Singapore Book of Records in 2016. He has a bachelor's degree in graphic design from Camberwell College of Art and a master's degree from Brighton University, UK. He is actively involved in the local arts scene and teaches at various tertiary educational institutions and conducts regular art workshops for young children.



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Board Book

14 Pages
Ages 2 to 5, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002190
7.8 in H | 6.5 in W





If Pets Wrote Poems

A Parody Collection

Susan Johnston Taylor, Sandie Sonke

Summary

From the award-winning author of ANIMALS IN SURPRISING SHADES comes another one-of-a-kind poetry collection written from the viewpoint of the pets of historically famous poets.

Read about Benjamin Franklin in an ode written by Mungo, his pet squirrel, or a new version of Edgar Allen Poe's The Raven, as imagined by his cat, Catterina. Packed with facts about historical and literary figures and their pets, this collection of poems will have young readers returning for more ... and writing a poem or two of their own. Including poems written in the unique styles of sixteen different poets (or, in this case, their pet!), each one is sure to have children and their caregivers enjoying a laugh and imagining what their family pet would write.

Filled with bright, engaging illustrations and a fun assortment of animal characters, this book is the perfect combination of history and poetry that will inspire curiosity and encourage an early love for poetry. It's the perfect addition to elementary school classrooms and libraries, as well as a fun read-aloud for storytime and bedtime.

Contributor Bio

Susan Johnston Taylor writes for kids and adults. Her magazine articles have appeared in Dramatics, FACES, Fast Company, Entrepreneur, Scout Life, and many others. A strong believer in the power of poetry, Susan co-teaches a summer poetry camp through Austin Bat Cave, an Austin, Texas-based nonprofit that offers writing programs for kids and teens. In addition to her award-winning debut picture book poetry collection, Animals in Surprising Shades, she has written several children's books for the educational market. You can find out more about Susan at www.staylorwrites.com.

Sandie is a Southern California native and Cal State University Fullerton grad with a degree in Studio Art. She finds joy in simply sketching in her sketchbook or drawing tablet. She is a mom to two sweet, silly kids who inspire her daily. Sandie loves to create whimsical and colorful illustrations while hoping to bring a little happiness to those who view her work. Find out more at www.sandiesonkeart.com.

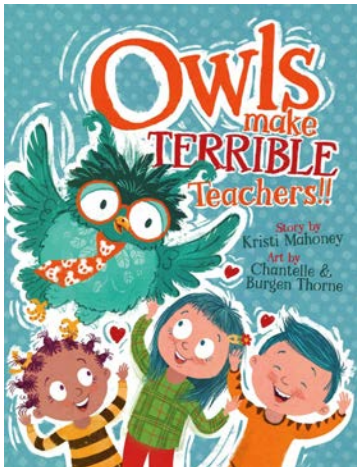


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\$19.95
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Ages 6 to 8
Juvenile Fiction / Poetry
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11 in H | 9 in W





Owls Make Terrible Teachers

Chantelle Thorne, Kristi Mahoney, Burgen Thorne

Summary

The last thing you expect when you go to school is to see the substitute teacher is an owl. BEWARE! Owls make terrible teachers!

Prepare for laughs and learning in this humorous sequel to the award-winning book, *Alpacas Make Terrible Librarians*. Another round of surprises awaits when you find out what might happen when an owl takes flight in the classroom as a substitute teacher. From an impromptu pajama day and feather-filled social studies lessons, to hunting for a midnight snack and awkward bathroom breaks, this school day stretches into a night like no other. But just as you're about to tip-toe far, far away, your real teacher arrives to usher you home (allowing you to catch up on some much-needed sleep)!

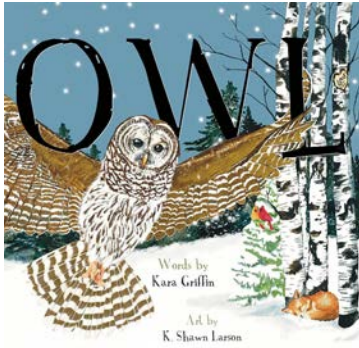
With the same zany cast of characters brought to life by this award-winning team, *OWLS MAKE TERRIBLE TEACHERS* promises to be as hilarious and informative as the first story (and will make you appreciate terrific teachers everywhere).



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\$19.95
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Ages 6 to 8
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002360
11 in H | 9 in W





Owl (pb) (2nd Edition)

Kara Griffin, K. Shawn Larson

Summary

The boy's grandfather had long told him about the barred owl that lives in the oldest part of the forest near his home. Determined to meet Owl, the boy visits the forest everyday and gently calls to her. But owls sleep during the day and are awake at night when children are sound asleep. *Will the boy ever see Owl from the old forest?* This heartfelt story about a child's search for an elusive owl illustrates that when we connect with nature, we are surrounded by love, though we might not always see it.

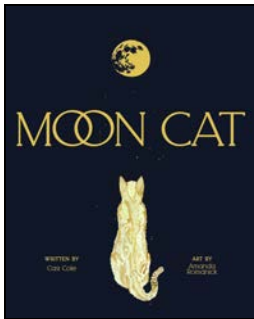
Told with gentle text and naturalistic artwork, young readers will discover a boy's tender bond with an owl, and they too will learn how to make the barred owl's call, fostering a lifelong love and relationship with nature.



Acorn Press
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\$11.95
Trade Paperback

32 Pages
watercolour illustrations
Ages 05 to 08
Juvenile Fiction / Animals
JUV002040

10 in H | 10 in W



Moon Cat

Casi Cole, Amanda Romanick

Summary

From the illustrator of the Moonbeam Children's Book Award-winning *Look Up!* comes a new gem about mindfulness, dreams, and oral tradition, destined to become a classic.

"Time for bed little one. I'll tell you a story," Pawpaw says.

"Oh, yes! Tell me a story about when you were little."

"Sounds good, get settled in now.

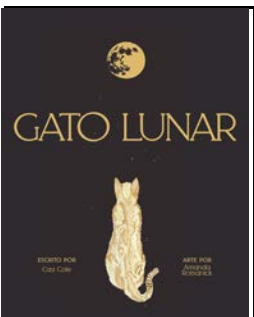
*Relax your head on your pillow,
soften your neck and shoulders,
let your whole body relax,
all the way down to your toes.
That's it. Just imagine..."*

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\$19.99 USD
Hardcover

32 Pages
Ages 6 to 8
Juvenile Fiction / Bedtime &
Dreams
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And so, begins this nighttime meditation told by a beloved Papaw to his grandchild. A folktale passed down in his own childhood about the Moon Cat, the physical manifestation of the moon in feline form that visits restless children and takes them on a calming and a sensory-filled journey through the world and then back to the comfort of their room, soothed and ready for sleep.

Told in calming and dreamlike prose and paired with lush, winsome art *Moon Cat* is sure to open hearts, calm bodies, and sit on shelves for years to come as both a beautiful tribute to the world's sensory offering and a one-of-a-kind bedtime read.



Gato Lunar

Casi Cole, Amanda Romanick

Summary

De la ilustradora ganadora del premio de libros infantiles Moonbeam Spirit por *Look Up!* llega una nueva joya sobre la atención plena, los sueños y la tradición oral, destinada a convertirse en un clásico.

—Es hora de dormir, pequeñín. Te contaré una historia, dice Pawpaw.

—¡Oh, sí! Cuéntame una historia de cuando eras pequeño.

—"Está bien, ponte cómodo.

*Relaja tu cabeza en la almohada,
suaviza tu cuello y hombros,
deja que todo tu cuerpo se relaje,
hasta la punta de los pies.*

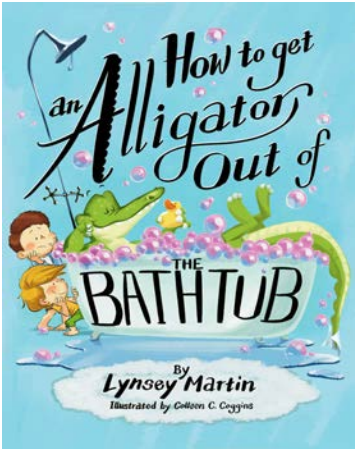
Eso es. Solo imagina...

Así comienza esta meditación nocturna contada por un querido Pawpaw a su nieto. Un cuento popular transmitido desde su infancia sobre el Gato Lunar, la manifestación física de la luna en forma felina, que visita a los niños inquietos y los lleva en un viaje lleno de calma y sensaciones a través del mundo, hasta devolverlos al confort de su habitación, tranquilos y listos para dormir.

Narrado con una prosa relajante y soñadora, y acompañado de un arte exuberante y encantador, *Gato Lunar* abrirá corazones, calmará cuerpos y ocupará un lugar en las estanterías durante años como un hermoso tributo a la riqueza sensorial del mundo y una lectura única para la hora de dormir.

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Paperback

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Juvenile Fiction / Bedtime &
Dreams
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How to Get an Alligator Out of the Bathtub

Lynsey Martin, Colleen Coggins

Summary

Readers' Choice Book Award Finalist!
Gold Medal Winner for Best Animal Picture book from BookFest

This playful story from Lynsey Martin will engage your child with this story about the start of a unique friendship.

When Peyton and Bennett discover an alligator in their bathtub, they have one question: How do we get him out? After their new bathroom guest proves to be sophisticated and charming, the task seems even harder! As Peyton and Bennett's curiosity about Alistair, the friendly—but uninvited—reptile grows, they will need to discover the answer to a much more important question: why is he there in the first place?

Kids will love this book's imaginative tale and colorful illustrations, inspiring creative young minds and making it the perfect gift for any occasion!

FUN AND WHIMSICAL CHILDREN'S BOOK: Children will be inspired by the fantastic premise, enhancing their creativity and sparking their imagination.

BUILDS POSITIVE HABITS: The warmth of Peyton and Bennett's developing friendship with Alistair will keep children revisiting this story, promoting a love for reading.

INCREASES LITERACY SKILL: Reading frequently will help your child improve their linguistic development and literacy skills.

Midwest Book Review raves, "Lynsey Martin spins an upbeat, uplifting, zany yarn that will delight all kinds of picture book readers, from alligator-loving kids to parents looking for important lessons embedded in adventure. With its appealing illustrations, messages, and heartfelt encounters, *How to Get an Alligator Out of the Bathtub* is highly recommended for elementary-level libraries, read-aloud adults, and anyone interested in entertaining fun that opens the door to bigger-picture thinking."

Contributor Bio

Lynsey Martin is a wife, Mom of two boys and dog Ellie, and a graduate of Santa Clara University. Originally from Southern California, Lynsey lives with her husband and children in Austin, TX. While at the zoo with her boys, she was inspired by the boy's comments of wanting to have the alligators come home to live with them; and so, the character, Alistair was born!

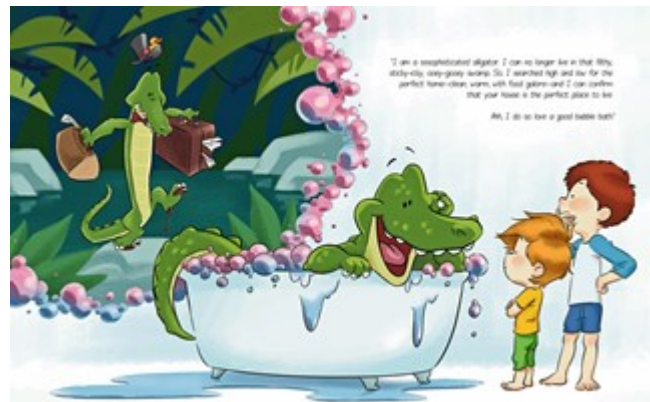


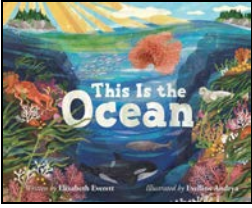
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"MOM! There's an ALLIGATOR in the bathrubb!"
 The boys scream.





This Is the Ocean

Evelline Andrya, Elizabeth Everett

Summary

This is the Ocean that sustains an intricate web of life!

From the smallest plankton to the mightiest whale, the ocean swirls with a colorful circle of life—a circle powered by the radiant Sun!

Discover how sunlight fuels the food chains within this vibrant underwater ecosystem. Through rhythmic storytelling and captivating illustrations, swim alongside swarming krill, elusive seals, and clever octopuses. Dive into the wondrous world of the ocean, where every creature, from tiny to mighty, is part of a delicate balance.

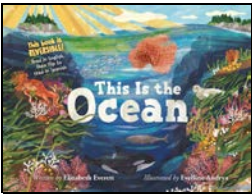
The companion book to *This Is the Sun*, *This Is the Ocean* takes readers on an exploration of marine life and the harmony that keeps our oceans alive and thriving. Perfect for curious minds eager to grasp nature's interconnectedness, this book duo celebrates the essential role of the Sun in nourishing life on Earth.

Science, Naturally!
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\$14.95 USD
Hardcover Picture Book
32 Pages
Ages 4 to 6
Juvenile Nonfiction /
Animals
JNF003150
8 in H | 10 in W

Contributor Bio

Elizabeth Everett is an award-winning author of several STEM-based books for kids, including the *Skytime* series and *Spheres All Year*. As a former educator and a homeschooling mom, she loves creating books for kids that engage the heart and mind. Elizabeth currently lives near Denver, Colorado with her family in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. She is excited to take readers on an adventure through the ocean, helping them understand how the Sun impacts life below the sea in this sequel to her book with Science Naturally, *This Is the Sun*.

Evelline Andrya was born in Sumatra as a Chinese-Javanese. She grew up in Equatorial Emerald, the country of 17,000 islands, her life is surrounded by diversity of Indonesian culture—colorful tribes, tropical rainforest and wildlife, underwater paradise, historical marvels—that became her influence for her vibrant artworks. Evelline is currently living in Java with her husband, their 4 children, and a fluffy Pomeranian.

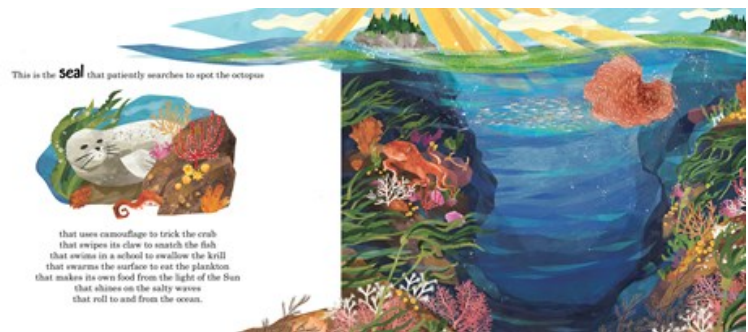


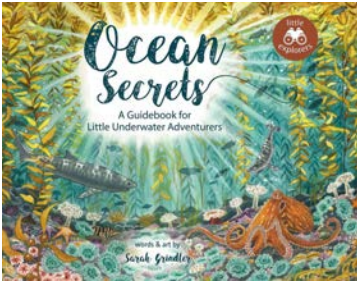
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Evelline Andrya, Elizabeth Everett

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Ages 04 to 08
Juvenile Nonfiction / Science &
Nature
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Ocean Secrets

A Guidebook for Little Underwater Adventurers

Sarah Grindler

Summary

The newest book in the Little Explorers series takes young readers from the seashore to the ocean floor, finding fascinating plants and animals and solving ocean mysteries along the way.

Let's meet some of the amazing sea life that calls the ocean home.

What creatures live where there is no sunlight? How do tides work? Is coral a plant or an animal? Search for the answers to these questions and more in the newest book in the Little Explorers series! With engaging text and realistic illustrations, young readers will adventure through the fascinating underwater world of our planet's oceans.

Learn why some sea creatures glow, and how sharks can be as small as a pencil or as long as a bowling lane. From the helpful kelp forests of the shallow sunlight zone to the cold depths of the abyssal zone, interesting plants and animals abound—and many mysteries too.

Let's dive in!

Contributor Bio

Sarah Grindler is an author/illustrator from the west coast of Canada. Inspired by her artistic family and beautiful surroundings, she followed her passion for art and nature into a career of creating picture books. She now lives in Salt Spring Island with her husband, Jason, and her son, Jackson. She is also the author/illustrator of *Seaside Treasures*, *Forest Magic*, and *Garden Wonders*.



Taffy Tales
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Board Book

12 Pages
Ages 0 to 4
Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals
JNF003150
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Oceans ABC

Jennifer Sutoski, David Rojas Marquez

Summary

Oceans ABC – Interactive Underwater Alphabet Board Book for Kids

Dive into the wonders of the sea with **Oceans ABC**, the newest title in Taffy Tales' best-selling **Fun Flaps** series. This interactive chunky board book introduces the alphabet through stunning, realistic artwork and sturdy lift-the-flap surprises, making learning letters an underwater adventure. From **A is for Anchor** to **Z is for Zooplankton**, each page reveals fascinating ocean creatures and hidden facts, engaging young readers while building vocabulary, letter recognition, and curiosity about the ocean.

Why readers will love this book:

- **Interactive lift-the-flap design:** Engaging flaps reveal hidden images, fun facts, and surprises on every page.
- **Beautiful, realistic illustrations:** Vibrant ocean scenes bring creatures like the Humpback Whale, Great White Shark, and Jellyfish to life.
- **Educational and fun:** Combines alphabet learning, vocabulary building, and early science exploration in one exciting board book.

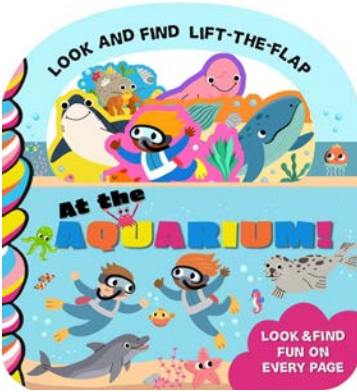
Perfect for early learners, ocean lovers, and future marine biologists, **Oceans ABC** makes learning as deep and wide as the ocean itself. Ideal for bedtime, classroom reading, or seaside adventures.

About the Fun Flaps board book series:

The Fun Flaps series from Taffy Tales features chunky, interactive board books packed with die-cuts and flaps. These colorful, playful titles promote early language development, reinforce first concepts, and spark curiosity about the world. Each book is designed to surprise and delight, ensuring children will want to read them again and again. Taffy Tales creates best-selling children's titles that are cherished and remembered.

Contributor Bio

After three decades working in elementary school libraries and French immersion classrooms, Jennifer Sutoski brings her love of language and learning to every page. A passionate educator and advocate for bilingual literacy, she writes engaging fiction and informative non-fiction that spark curiosity in young readers. Fluent in English and French, she creates stories that connect with children in both languages, to encourage a lifelong love of books and to make reading a joyful adventure. When she's not writing or crafting, she's the proud mom of two sons who are soaring and creating their own stories.



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Board Book

10 Pages
Ages 0 to 3
Juvenile Nonfiction / Animals
JNF003200

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At the Aquarium

LeeAnn Dominick, Toni Thomson

Summary

Welcome to the aquarium! Dive into an underwater world of wonder with *At the Aquarium*, the latest title in Taffy Tales' popular **Look and Find Lift-the-Flap** series. This colorful, interactive board book is packed with exciting questions, fun facts, and surprises that bring the magic of the aquarium to life for young readers.

Each page invites children to lift chunky, sturdy flaps and explore different sections of the aquarium, discovering fascinating marine creatures like **sharks, dolphins, whales, and more**. From tropical fish tanks to deep-sea exhibits, kids will learn to identify sea animals, strengthen observation skills, and spark curiosity about the ocean—all while having fun!

Perfect for young ocean lovers, *At the Aquarium* celebrates the beauty of marine life and introduces the importance of protecting our watery friends. Whether you're planning an aquarium visit or enjoying a cozy day at home, this book is a wonderful way to inspire a love of the ocean and its creatures.

Why You'll Love This Book:

- **Interactive and Educational** – Lift-the-flap fun keeps kids engaged while teaching them about amazing marine animals.
- **Builds Curiosity and Learning Skills** – Encourages observation, identification, and an appreciation for ocean life.
- **Durable and Kid-Friendly Design** – Sturdy board book pages with easy-to-lift flaps, perfect for little hands.

Make a splash with *At the Aquarium*—an underwater adventure your child will want to explore again and again!

About the Look and Find Lift-the-Flap series:

The Look and Find Lift-the-Flap series from Taffy Tales features engaging and interactive titles on the topics kids love. These books facilitate early language learning and concept development. Each title will surprise and delight, and your child will want to read again and again! Taffy Tales creates best-selling children's titles that will be cherished and remembered.

Contributor Bio

LeeAnn Dominick lives in Orangeville, Ontario where her love of language and passion for teaching have shaped much of her life. She cherishes every moment spent with her children and grandchildren, drawing inspiration from their laughter and curiosity. She embraces the creative journey with enthusiasm and finds joy in bringing her stories to life.



Cranky Franky

The Selfish Shellfish

Michelle Chu, Joseph Penner, Sonya Abby

Summary

Learning to share and understand the needs of others can be challenging for young children. *Cranky Franky; The Selfish Shellfish* offers a relatable story that explores the impact of selfishness and the power of cooperation. Through Franky's journey, children learn that helping others and being part of a community can lead to a more fulfilling and happier life. With lively, animated illustrations and a touch of humor, the story subtly offers its lessons, making it engaging and accessible for young readers. It's a perfect tool for fostering social-emotional growth in a fun and approachable way.

Contributor Bio

Michelle Chu and Joseph Penner, a dynamic duo based in Los Angeles, bring a wealth of creativity and passion to their endeavors. Michelle's love for writing blossomed at a young age, igniting a lifelong passion for books. She once got in trouble in the third grade for hoarding too many books on her desk. Presently, Michelle is an entrepreneur who runs a dog gear & accessories business with a mission to empower dog owners to build deeper relationships with their dogs.

Joseph Penner, aka JPZ, is a multifaceted artist. His playful cartoons, witty comedy, and energetic music captivate audiences. As the founder of Cool Crocs NFT, he brings the quirky cartoon Croc characters to life through animation, plushies, card games, board games, and video games, creating an immersive experience for fans and collectors alike. Together, Michelle and Joseph co-authored the compelling fable of Cranky Franky, epitomizing their collaborative spirit and creative synergy.



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Cuddlefish

Jesse Byrd, Michael Bensur

Summary

A laugh-out-loud picture book about boundaries, self-awareness, and the joy of being yourself

Cuddle me? Cuddle who? Cuddle YOU!

In this heartwarming and hilarious undersea adventure, **Cuddlefish**—a sweet but clueless cuttlefish—sets out on a mission to spread hugs and happiness across the ocean floor. But there's just one problem: not everyone wants a cuddle! As Cuddlefish bounces from one sea creature to the next, he discovers that while affection can be wonderful, it's not always welcome—and that's okay.

Written by **award-winning author Jesse Byrd** and illustrated by **debut artist Michael Bensur**, *Cuddlefish* delivers an important message about **respecting personal space, understanding social cues**, and ultimately **learning the joys of self-love and acceptance**. Bursting with vibrant underwater illustrations and playful humor, this charming picture book provides a gentle entry point for conversations around **emotional intelligence, empathy, and consent**—all wrapped up in a delightful ocean-themed story.

Key Features:

- **Engaging and silly storytelling** perfect for read-alouds with preschool and early elementary children
- **Important social-emotional learning themes**, including respecting boundaries and embracing individuality
- A great resource for **teachers, parents, and caregivers** looking to open up conversations about feelings, consent, and kindness



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The Green Otter

Eduardo Halfon, María José de Tellería

Summary

A blue horse was all he asked for. What he loved most was the green otter.

In *The Green Otter*, a father sets out with a simple mission: to bring home a blue horse for his young son. But when he returns, nestled beside the horse is a tiny green otter—an unexpected gift that captures his son's heart in ways no one could have foreseen.

Told with tender prose and a whimsical visual narrative, this beautifully illustrated picture book explores the magic of childhood attachment, the unpredictability of love, and the quiet dramas of parenting. The illustrations vividly portray a child's emotional world—where toys are companions, adventures await around every corner, and even the smallest creature can hold the biggest place in the heart.

The Green Otter is a gentle, timeless story about unexpected love, childhood devotion, and the quiet magic of everyday moments. Perfect for bedtime reading or classroom discussion, it's a celebration of the small things that become everything.

This picture book, inspired by the tender short story "The Green Otter" by Guatemalan author Eduardo Halfon, is brought to life through the whimsical visuals of Argentinian illustrator María José de Tellería. Available in both English and Spanish editions.

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La Nutria Verde

Eduardo Halfon, María José de Tellería

Summary

Un caballo azul fue todo lo que pidió. Lo que más amó fue la nutria verde.

En *La Nutria Verde*, un padre emprende una misión sencilla: llevar a casa un caballo azul para su pequeño hijo. Pero al regresar, junto al caballo viene una diminuta nutria verde, un regalo inesperado que conquista el corazón del niño de formas que nadie habría imaginado.

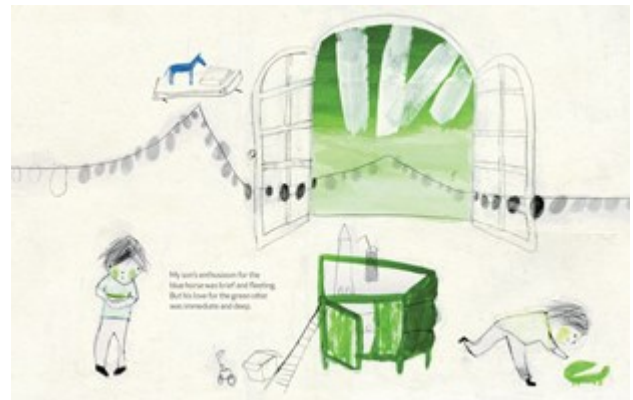
Con una prosa delicada y una narrativa visual llena de encanto, este libro álbum explora la magia del apego infantil, la imprevisibilidad del amor y los dramas silenciosos de la crianza. Las ilustraciones retratan vívidamente el mundo emocional de un niño, donde los juguetes son compañeros, las aventuras esperan en cada rincón, y hasta la criatura más pequeña puede ocupar el lugar más grande en el corazón.

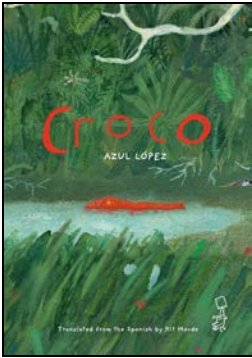
La Nutria Verde es una historia delicada y atemporal sobre el amor inesperado, la devoción infantil y la magia silenciosa de los momentos cotidianos. Perfecta para leer antes de dormir o para compartir en el aula, es una celebración de esas pequeñas cosas que, sin aviso, se transforman en todo.

Este libro álbum, inspirado en el tierno cuento "La Nutria Verde" del autor guatemalteco Eduardo Halfon, cobra vida con la encantadora narrativa visual de la ilustradora argentina María José de Tellería. Disponible en ediciones en español e inglés.

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Croco

Azul López, Kit Maude

Summary

A Kirkus Reviews Most Empowering Picture Books of 2025

“Three cheers for this resourceful reptilian!”—Kirkus Reviews

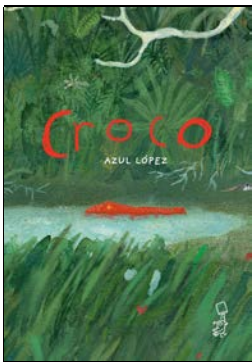
In a vibrant tropical jungle, Croco the Crocodile has fallen into a hole and can't climb out. Different animals come along to try to help him, but in the end, he must find his own way out.

This charming picture book for early readers teaches us about resilience and the importance of helping others, no matter the obstacles in our way. Croco, the protagonist, tries to follow the advice of his friends to escape his predicament, only to realize the solution was within him all along. The story builds tension as Croco remains trapped, culminating in a satisfying ending that restores harmony and marks his growth. A simple story about an everyday problem, this book draws readers in with its steadily building suspense.

Set in a lush tropical jungle full of vibrantly colored animals, the book's illustrations create striking visual contrasts across different scenes. Croco, positioned at the bottom of the page, tries various strategies to climb out of the hole, while the animals above him attempt to assist him. The carefully composed artwork features expressive brushstrokes and meticulously arranged characters, establishing a dynamic visual rhythm between the two planes--the world above, where the animals try to help, and the world below, where the bright red protagonist struggles to escape his accidental trap. Young readers will root for Croco as he navigates his challenges, making this a heartwarming tale of perseverance and friendship.

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Croco (Spanish Edition)

Azul López

Summary

En una vibrante selva tropical, Croco, el cocodrilo, se ha caído en un hoyo y... no sabe cómo salir. Distintos animales intentan ayudarlo, pero al final, él mismo encontrará la manera de escapar.

Este hermoso libro álbum, ideal para primeros lectores, nos habla de la resiliencia y la importancia de ayudar a los demás, sin importar los obstáculos que encontremos en nuestro camino. Croco, el protagonista, sigue los consejos de diferentes animales para intentar salir de su apuro, hasta que descubre que la solución siempre estuvo dentro de él. La historia mantiene la tensión a medida que Croco sigue atrapado, hasta llegar a un final afortunado en el que restablece el equilibrio y marca su crecimiento. Un relato sencillo sobre un problema cotidiano, que atrapa a los lectores con un suspenso envolvente.

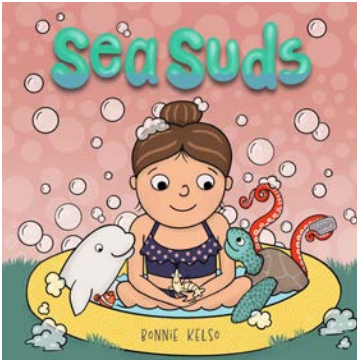
Ambientado en una exuberante selva tropical repleta de animales coloridos, las ilustraciones del libro crean contrastes vibrantes en cada escena. Croco, situado en la parte inferior de la página, prueba distintas formas de escapar, mientras los animales en la parte superior intentan ayudarlo. Con una composición cuidadosamente elaborada, pinceladas gestuales y personajes dispuestos con precisión, el arte genera un ritmo visual dinámico entre los dos planos: el mundo de arriba, donde los animales tratan de asistir, y el de abajo, donde el protagonista, de un intenso rojo, lucha por escapar de su trampa accidental.

Los pequeños lectores acompañarán a Croco en su desafío, convirtiendo esta historia en un entrañable relato sobre la perseverancia y la amistad.

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Sea Suds

Bonnie Kelso

Summary

Banish bathtime boredom by diving into this fact-filled exploration of the ways that ocean animals take baths underwater.

It may be time to take a bath, but one little girl would rather dress up as a mermaid. Still, with the help of a few underwater friends, she discovers the strange and sudsy ways that sea creatures keep themselves clean. From rubbing themselves on anemones and pebbles to visiting a designated "cleaning station" where other animals clean off dead skin, readers will marvel at the myriad ways that sea creatures bathe. This informational fiction story is a playful introduction to navigating a major childhood milestone that also underscores the importance of maintaining cleaning habits.

Filled with charming illustrations, humor, and an adorable cast of characters, this book is sure to become a bathtime, bedtime, and daytime favorite as well as a go-to for teachers and caregivers.

Contributor Bio

Bonnie Kelso is an author and illustrator from Las Vegas, Nevada. Even though she lives in the desert, she is obsessed with the ocean and everything in it, except the pollution. Environmental conservation is very important to her and her stories often include subtle messaging. Her sweet, silly, and often sassy characters engage children so they don't even realize that they are learning stuff. You can learn more about Bonnie and her work at www.BonnieKelso.com or follow her on Instagram @bonnie.kelso.

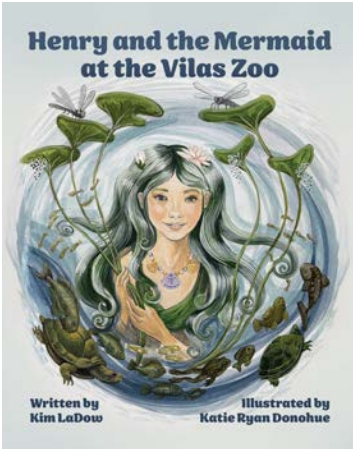


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Henry and the Mermaid at Vilas Zoo

A heartwarming tale of friendship, nature and a splash of magic.

Kim LaDow, Katie Ryan Donohue

Summary

A Heartwarming Tale of Friendship, Nature, and a Splash of Magic

Henry spends his days caring for the animals at his family's small zoo, offering each one gentle care and endless patience. Yet, amid the chatter of monkeys and the roar of bears, he sometimes feels a little lonely, longing for a friend to share his adventures.

Then, one extraordinary spring morning, Annie swims into his life—sparkling with laughter, brimming with curiosity, and carrying a hint of magic. As the days grow long and golden, the two explore their worlds together, from the heart of the zoo to the shimmering edge of the lake.

In a summer filled with discovery, Henry and Annie learn the true meaning of friendship, the wonder of nature, and the magic that blooms when two worlds become one.

Contributor Bio

Kim Ladow is a first-time author who draws inspiration from the enchanting memories of her childhood. Born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin, on the shores of Lake Monona, she grew up surrounded by the natural beauty of the lakes, parks, and frequent visits to the zoo. Her formative experiences helped shape her imagination and love for storytelling. Now a devoted mother of four, Kim has continued the tradition of sharing the magic of nature with her children. Her writing reflects a deep appreciation for the simple joys in life and the enduring power of childhood wonder.



Planets and Stars

Elena Sturgess

Summary

Blast off into space with **Planets and Stars**, the newest out-of-this-world addition to Taffy Tales' **Fun Flaps** series! This chunky, interactive board book is packed with cute illustrations, fun facts, sturdy flaps, and just the right touch of humor to keep little astronauts entertained from liftoff to landing.

Young readers will explore the solar system, from sizzling Mercury to chilly Neptune, learning what makes each planet unique. They'll discover fascinating facts about Earth, the stars, and even imagine life on other worlds. With lift-the-flap surprises, children can uncover fun details about moons, planetary rotations, and the blazing sun that lights our days.

Why you'll love Planets and Stars:

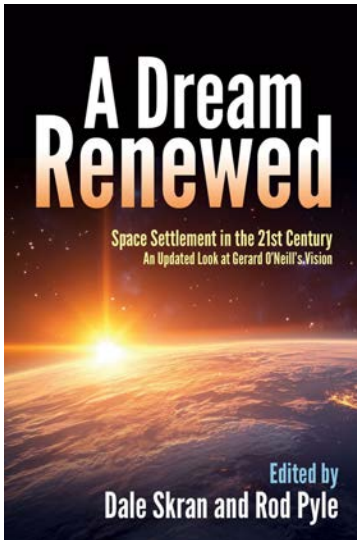
- **Interactive exploration:** Sturdy flaps reveal hidden planets, moons, and fun space facts.
- **Engaging illustrations:** Cute, colorful artwork makes space science playful and memorable.
- **Early learning made fun:** Introduces planets, stars, and solar system concepts in a simple, entertaining way.



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A Dream Renewed

Space Settlement in the 21st Century

Dale Skran, Rod Pyle

Summary

Since 1977, when Gerard K. O'Neill's book *The High Frontier* was first published, there have been few attempts to push for new developments in large-scale, orbital space settlement, which remains an under-investigated subject. The most significant attempt to conduct this work, the Princeton Space Manufacturing Conferences established by O'Neill, ended in the late 1990s, and the systematic work conducted since then has mainly focused on peripheral topics such as lunar in-situ resource utilization (ISRU), avoiding direct consideration of the possibilities of life in orbital space.

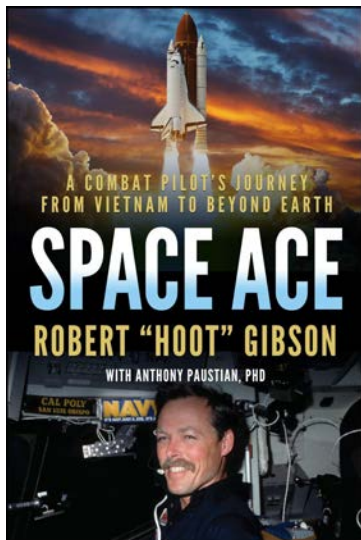
In 2021, the National Space Society, in collaboration with NASA Advanced Innovation Concepts (NIAC), hosted the NSS Space Settlement Workshop to revisit the idea. Over the course of two days, more than fifty academics, engineers, NASA officials, and high-level leaders in the space exploration industry worked in tandem to perform a careful review of plans for major space settlement. This contemporary update dove deep into previously overlooked and lightly addressed subject areas and introduced many new and unique approaches to living off-Earth. A compendium of the results, *A Dream Renewed: O'Neill's Vision of Space Settlement in the 21st Century* is an exclusive report of that work and is the first comprehensive update since the 1970s.

Through curated chapters by the most brilliant and forward-thinking scientific minds in the industry, *A Dream Renewed* offers a window into the possibilities of human expansion into the final frontier.

Contributor Bio

Dale Skran worked with Bell Labs (AT&T and Lucent Technologies) for seventeen years and continued his career in executive leadership at several other companies including Ascend Communications, Sonus Networks, and CMWare. He was also a rapporteur at the UN International Telecommunication Union where he led the development of international internet standards for video conferencing and voice-over IP (VOIP) services. Skran holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University and a Master of Science in the Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan. An expert in communications, computer design, and software, his high-reliability code has been used on nuclear submarines and Air Force One, and his publications have connected the public to groundbreaking computer technologies. He is a frequent contributor to *Ad Astra*, *The Space Review*, and *Space News*, and was the editor of *The Space Activist's Handbook*. He is the Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President of the National Space Society as well as a member of the Board of Directors.

Rod Pyle is a space author, journalist, and historian who has authored twenty books on space history, exploration, and development for major publishers and NASA. His work has been released in ten languages. He is the Editor-in-Chief for the National Space Society's quarterly print magazine *Ad Astra* and his articles have appeared in *Space.com*, *LiveScience*, *Futurity*, *Huffington Post*, *Popular Science*, the BBC's *Sky at Night*, the World Economic Forum, Caltech's E&S magazine, and *WIRED*. He has written extensively for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Caltech, including Jet Propulsion Laboratory's annual *Technology Highlights* book. Rod co-authored and lectured for the Apollo Executive Leadership Program for NASA's Johnson Space Center and The Conference Board. His recent books include *Space 2.0* and *First on the Moon*, both featuring forewords by Buzz Aldrin, *Interplanetary Robots*, and *Heroes of the Space Age*. *First on the Moon* and *Missions to the Moon* (with foreword by Gene Kranz) were national bestsellers. Pyle is a frequent radio and television guest, including on The History Channel's *UnXplained* with William Shatner, and he produces and co-hosts the podcast This Week in Space alongside Space.com's Tariq Malik.



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Space Ace

A Combat Pilot's Journey from Vietnam to Beyond Earth

Robert Gibson, Anthony Paustian

Summary

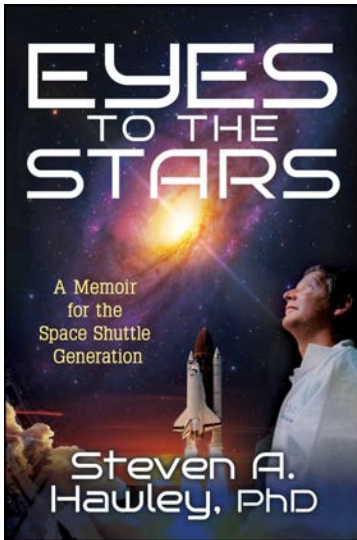
"On December 2, 1988, I lifted off aboard the Shuttle Atlantis on a top-secret mission to deploy a classified surveillance satellite. We accomplished the mission on the first day, but on the second, Mission Control informed us they had seen something hit our right wing during launch and ordered us to examine it. We saw a major amount of damage to our heat protection tiles. Given it was a classified mission, the Department of Defense would not allow us to broadcast a television signal back to Earth, but they agreed to let us send it encrypted. Mission Control studied it for a day, then cleared us for reentry. The images on the encrypted video were so poor that they had concluded we were only seeing shadows.

Even though the damage was there, I was reluctant to argue—bad form for an astronaut. We survived reentry, but more than 700 tiles were damaged and one was missing. Only a thick metal plate had saved us which had almost melted through."

Written in his own words, *Space Ace* is the memoir of Astronaut Robert Lee "Hoot" Gibson, a true master of speed and air. Beginning from his youth growing up in a family of nine and learning to fly from his father, this book chronicles a rich, fascinating, and insightful life, encompassing the full breadth of his storied career while providing leadership lessons along the way. Captain Gibson rose through the ranks from Vietnam combat pilot to Navy Top Gun, from test pilot to NASA Space Shuttle Commander. "Hoot" shares it all, de-classifying some of the most historic moments in aerospace history, first-hand.

Contributor Bio

Following his Air Force career in fighter aircraft and the building of national brands for companies like Rockwell Avionics, Disney, and Miller Brewing, Dr. Anthony Paustian created a technology-focused college campus that was named one of the nation's most innovative organizations. The campus has received national media attention for its groundbreaking initiatives, ranging from advances in educational delivery systems to its inspiring Celebrate Innovation Live! (ciLive!) event. Dr. Paustian has authored four books including *A Quarter Million Steps*, which won seven international and national literary awards for best book in the areas of leadership, motivation, and success. He's the managing partner of Bookpress Publishing and Media, a regular contributor for *Ad Astra* (the magazine of the National Space Society), and serves as the society's Vice President of Marketing. He recently served as the chair of the International Space Development Conference held in Los Angeles. Dr. Paustian holds graduate degrees in business administration and design management, as well as a doctorate degree in educational psychology. Captain Robert "Hoot" Gibson entered the United States Navy after college and served as a fighter pilot in the F-4 "Phantom" and F-14 "Tomcat" aircraft, flying combat missions in Southeast Asia and making more than 300 carrier landings aboard the aircraft carriers USS Coral Sea and USS Enterprise. After attending the Navy Fighter Weapons School, better known as TOPGUN, and the Navy Test Pilot School, he served as a flight test pilot prior to being selected to become an Astronaut in 1978 in the first Space Shuttle Astronaut selection. In eighteen years as an Astronaut, he flew five space flights, four of them as Mission Commander, aboard the space shuttles Challenger, Columbia, Atlantis, and Endeavour. His final space flight was the first mission to rendezvous and dock with the Russian Space Station Mir in 1995. In his career with NASA, he held the positions of Deputy Chief of NASA Aircraft Operations, Deputy Director of Flight Crew Operations, and Chief Astronaut.



Eyes to the Stars

A Memoir for the Space Shuttle Generation

Steven Hawley

Summary

In the 1960s, at the height of the Space Race, a young boy named Steven Hawley dreamed of getting close to the stars. But with the odds stacked against him to become an astronaut, he dove deep into a study of telescopes and astronomy, never thinking he'd be one of the few who would get to fly in space.

Hawley earned his big break in 1977, seizing the opportunity to apply to the NASA recruitment initiative that would famously offer the first women, people of color, and non-pilots a position aboard the Space Shuttle. As a member of the cohort called "the Thirty-Five New Guys," Hawley ascended from civilian PhD candidate to Astronaut alongside the likes of Robert "Hoot" Gibson, Ellison Onizuka, Guion Bluford, and Sally Ride, whom he would later marry.

Among a long list of achievements over a thirty-year career at NASA, Astronaut Hawley oversaw the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope and the Chandra X-Ray Observatory, managed the joint missions between NASA and Russia that led to the development of the International Space Station (ISS), and investigated the causes of the Columbia re-entry disaster of 2003. He was the first non-pilot to hold the position of Deputy Chief of the Astronaut Office.

Told in his own words, *Eyes to the Stars* is the story of a civilian scientist-turned-spaceman, a tale of groundbreaking discovery and death-defying bravery standing next to some of the greatest explorers in the history of the American space program.

Contributor Bio

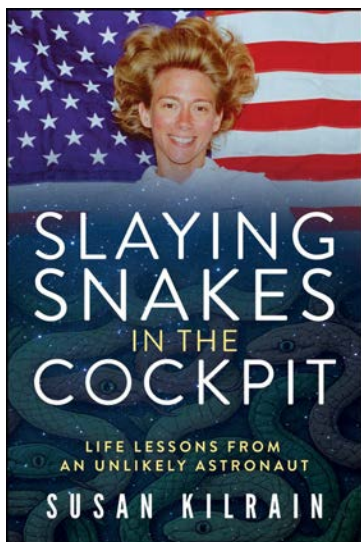
Steven Hawley grew up under the dark skies of rural Kansas, where the dream of space travel seized him for a lifetime. Inspired by Astronaut Al Shepard's first flight beyond the atmosphere, Hawley pursued academic degrees in astronomy, physics, and astrophysics, and later earned a seat in the "Thirty-Five New Guys," NASA's first class of astronaut candidates to include civilian scientists and engineers, women, and people of color.

Dr. Hawley made history deploying and servicing the Hubble Space Telescope, helping deploy the Chandra X-Ray Observatory, and setting records including the highest orbit flown by a Space Shuttle, then later continued his NASA career in management. He investigated the Challenger and Columbia accidents, helped plan future missions to the Moon and Mars, and helped manage cooperative missions between NASA and Russia that led to the development of the International Space Station. After his retirement, he returned to the University of Kansas, his alma mater, as Professor of Physics and Astronomy and Director of Engineering Physics. He currently lives in Lawrence, Kansas, and volunteers his time for the Kansas Cosmosphere and the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation.



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Slaying Snakes in the Cockpit

Life Lessons from An Unlikely Astronaut

Susan Kilrain

Summary

When Astronaut Susan Kilrain was a child growing up in the 1960s, she often gazed at the sky and dreamed of flying among the stars. At a time when expectations for women were narrowly confined to the roles of mother, teacher, nurse, and secretary, her ambition to become a pilot, and eventually an astronaut, seemed not just bold, but nearly impossible. With no visible role models to follow, her aspirations might have faded were it not for one powerful voice: her father's. His unwavering belief in her potential, captured in the simple yet profound words, "You can be anything you want to be," planted the seed of confidence that would carry her through decades of challenges.

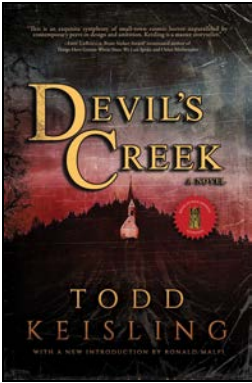
In *Slaying Snakes in the Cockpit*, a prescriptive memoir, Commander Kilrain takes readers on a gripping, inspiring journey through the many trials she faced on her path to success. From the grueling rigor of aerospace engineering and flight schools to serving as a US Navy test pilot and covert operative to the ultimate challenge of becoming the youngest person ever to pilot the Space Shuttle, her life is a testament to perseverance, courage, and conviction. Alongside her professional achievements, she also shares her personal triumphs and the delicate balancing act of being a devoted wife and mother while navigating some of the world's most demanding careers.

Through candid storytelling and reflective insight, Commander Kilrain recounts not only the most apparent hurdles like gender bias and institutional resistance, but also the internal battles with doubt and fear that every dreamer faces. Each chapter of her story offers practical lessons on leadership, grit, and purpose, making this memoir not just a recounting of a remarkable life, but a manual for anyone striving to pursue their dreams against the odds. Whether you're a young student inspired by space, a professional breaking new ground, or someone simply seeking a spark of motivation, *Slaying Snakes in the Cockpit* delivers an empowering message—with vision, resilience, and the right encouragement, the sky is not the limit; it's just the beginning.

Contributor Bio

Commander Susan Kilrain is a renowned astronaut, a distinguished navy test pilot and aerospace engineer, and a world traveler. She is the youngest person, and one of only three women, to pilot the space shuttle. She served twenty years in the navy paving the way for women. She has flown more than 3,000 flight hours in more than thirty different aircraft, and she was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal. Commander Kilrain flew as pilot of STS-83 and STS-94, spending a total of more than twenty days in space. Her first mission was cut short due to a potentially life-threatening shuttle system failure.

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**Devil's Creek**

Todd Keisling

Summary*THERE'S A DARK TRUTH BURIED AMONG THE ROOTS AND BONES.*

About fifteen miles west of Staufford, Kentucky lies Devil's Creek. According to local legend, there used to be a church out there, home to the Lord's Church of Holy Voices—a death cult where Jacob Masters preached the gospel of a nameless god.

In 1983, the church burned to the ground following a mass suicide. Among the survivors were Jacob's six children and their grandparents, who banded together to defy their former minister. Dubbed the "Staufford Six," these children grew up amid scrutiny and ridicule, but their infamy has faded over the last thirty years.

Now their ordeal is all but forgotten, and Jacob Masters is nothing more than a scary story told around campfires.

For Jack Tremly, one of the Six, memories of that fateful night have fueled a successful art career—and a lifetime of nightmares. When his grandmother Imogene dies, Jack returns to Staufford to settle her estate. What he finds waiting for him are secrets Imogene kept in his youth, secrets about his father and the church. Secrets that can no longer stay buried.

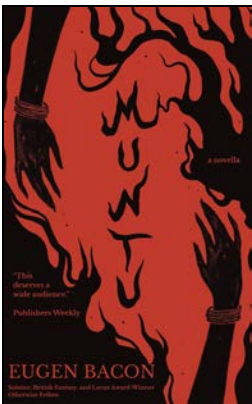
The roots of Jacob's buried god run deep, and within the heart of Devil's Creek, something is beginning to stir...

Contributor Bio

TODD KEISLING is the two-time Bram Stoker Award®-nominated author of *Devil's Creek*, *Scanlines*, *Cold*, *Black & Infinite*, and most recently, *The Sundowner's Dance*, among several others. A pair of his earlier works were recipients of the University of Kentucky's Oswald Research & Creativity Prize for Creative Writing (2002 and 2005), and his second novel, *The Liminal Man*, was an Indie Book Award finalist in Horror & Suspense (2013). He lives in Pennsylvania with his family. He works as a freelance graphic designer under the moniker of Dullington Design Co. In 2021, he was the recipient of This Is Horror's Award for Cover Art of the Year for his

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**Muntu**

Eugen Bacon

Summary**ONE MAN. TWIN SOULS. AN UNQUENCHABLE BEAST.**

It is a *muntu*—a trapped spirit in the island of the dead. This creature of legend becomes a deadly reality when a killer strikes the heart of Sydney.

The victims seem unconnected, yet Investigating Officer Ivory Tembo is convinced the killings are anything but random.

The case soon leads Ivory into places she never imagined. In order to stop the killings and save the life of the man she loves, she must reach deep into her past, uncover secrets of her heritage, break a demon's curse, and somehow unify two worlds.

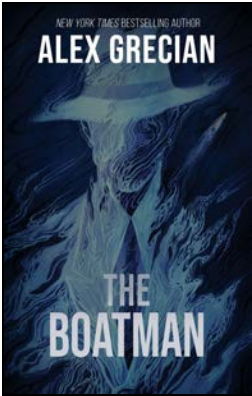
Contributor Bio

Eugen Bacon is an African Australian author. She's a Nebula, British Fantasy and Foreword Indies Award winner, a twice World Fantasy Award finalist, and a finalist in the Shirley Jackson, Philip K. Dick Award, and the Nommo Awards for speculative fiction by Africans. Eugen is an Otherwise Fellow, and was also announced in the honor list for 'doing exciting work in gender and speculative fiction'. *Danged Black Thing* made the Otherwise Award Honor List as a 'sharp collection of Afro-Surrealist work'. Visit her at eugenbacon.com.

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**The Boatman**

Alex Grecian

Summary**HE WILL FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.**

Shortly after cruise ship the *Maria Calypso* embarks on its latest voyage, the passengers and crew notice someone in pursuit: An elegant figure wearing a white suit who somehow keeps pace in his rowboat.

No matter how hard the crew pushes the engines, they can't escape The Boatman ... and it isn't long before sinister and mysterious events begin to unfold on the *Maria Calypso*.

What will it cost to learn the true nature of the man who hunts them—and will the price to keep on living prove to be too dear?

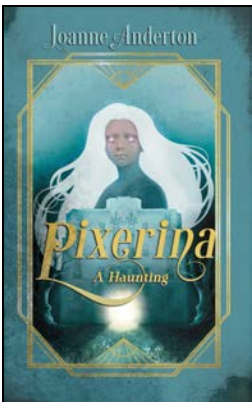
Contributor Bio

Alex Grecian is the NYT and USA Today bestselling author of *Red Rabbit*, *Rose of Jericho*, *The Yard* and its sequels *The Black Country*, *The Devil's Workshop*, *The Harvest Man*, and *Lost and Gone Forever*, as well as the contemporary thriller *The Saint of Wolves and Butchers*, and the ebook *The Blue Girl*. He has also written multiple award-winning graphic novels, including *Proof* and *Rasputin*. He lives in Topeka, Kansas.

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**Pixerina****A Haunting**

Joanne Anderton

Summary**CAN A PERSON HAUNT A GHOST?**

Something about the old house on the hill has always intrigued artist Rebecca Bell, but she's always resisted its pull. Until now. She becomes obsessed with the building, its history, its inhabitants—and especially the little girl whose spirit seems to linger in the house and on its grounds.

Angelica has been waiting patiently for someone to notice her. For someone to befriend her. For someone to care. Even after her passing.

Meeting Rebecca is a boon for both of them.

But while Angelica thinks she's gaining a friend, Rebecca ... well, Rebecca is gaining a muse.

Will the two of them come to an understanding, or will the dark history at the heart of Pixerina's decayed foundations repeat itself?

Contributor Bio

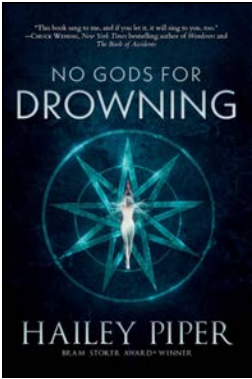
Joanne Anderton is an Australian author of speculative fiction, creative non-fiction, and children's books. Her speculative fiction includes the novels in the *Veiled Worlds* series – *Debris*, *Suited* and *Guardian* – and the short story collections *The Art of Broken Things*, *Inanimates: Tales of Everyday Fear*, and *The Bone Chime Song and Other Stories*. She has won multiple awards for her speculative fiction, including the Australian Shadows Award, *Ditmar* and *Aurealis* Awards. Her short fiction has been reprinted in several *Year's Best* anthologies, and she's received international review coverage in *The New York Journal of Books*, *The Guardian*, *Library Journal* and *Publishers Weekly*. Her children's picture book *The Flying Optometrist*, was published by the National Library of Australia and was a CBCA notable book. Her non-fiction has been published in *Speculative Insight*, *Island Magazine*, *Meanjin* and *The Japan News*. Joanne has a Master of Arts in Creative Writing, worked for many years in book publishing, marketing and distribution, and until recently taught English in rural Japan. She has

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**No Gods for Drowning**

Hailey Piper

Summary**IN THE BEGINNING, MAN WAS PREY. WITHOUT THE GODS, THEY'LL BE PREY AGAIN.**

Set in an alternate reality which updates mythology to near-modern day, *No Gods For Drowning* is part dark fantasy, part noir detective story, and unlike anything you've read before, from an author whose imagination knows no boundaries.

The old gods have fled, and the monsters they had kept at bay for centuries now threaten to drown the city of Valentine, hunting mankind as in ancient times. In the midst of the chaos, a serial killer has begun ritually sacrificing victims, their bodies strewn throughout the city.

Lilac Antonis wants to stop the impending destruction of her city by summoning her mother, a blood god—even if she has to slit a few throats to do it. But evading her lover Arcadia and her friends means sneaking, lying, and even spilling the blood of people she loves.

Alex and Cecil of Ace Investigations have been tasked with hunting down the killer, but as they close in—not knowing they're hunting their close friend Lilac—the detectives realize the gods may not have left willingly.

As flooding drags this city of cars and neon screaming into the jaws of sea demons and Arcadia struggles to save the people as captain of the evacuation team, Lilac's ritual killings at last bear fruit, only to reveal her as a small piece in a larger plan. The gods' protection costs far more than anyone has ever known, and Alex and Cecil are running out of time to discover the true culprit behind the gods' disappearance before an ancient divine murder plot destroys them all.

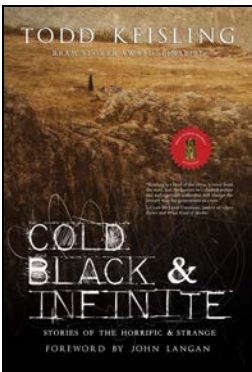
Contributor Bio

Hailey Piper is the Bram Stoker Award-winning author of *Queen of Teeth*, *A Game in Yellow*, *A Light Most Hateful*, *The Worm and His Kings*, *No Gods for Drowning*, *Cranberry Cove*, and other books of dark fiction.

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**Cold, Black & Infinite****Stories of the Horrific & Strange**

Todd Keisling

Summary**TOUCH THE ABYSS. IT'S WAITING.**

The sixteen stories found within *Cold, Black, & Infinite* serve as a harrowing glimpse into the nightmarish imagination of Todd Keisling, Bram Stoker Award-nominated author of *Devil's Creek* and *Scanlines*.

Visit a town where the residents are slowly being replaced by mannequins in "We've All Gone to the Magic Show." Go for a drive and discover your favorite radio host is still transmitting from beyond the grave in "Midnight in the Southland." Laugh at Karen's misfortune when she learns necromancy isn't the best way to raise a child in "Afterbirth." And uncover the true motivation behind one man's historical betrayal in "Gethsemane."

Featuring three previously unpublished stories and an introduction by Bram Stoker Award winner John Langan, *Cold, Black, & Infinite* establishes Keisling as a leading voice in contemporary horror.

Cast your doubts aside. Take the plunge.

Contributor Bio

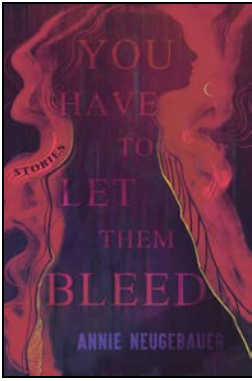
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You Have to Let Them Bleed

Annie Neugebauer

Summary

The collector hunts the darkness for terrible beauty: macabre and marvelous stories worth displaying in their shadow boxes. Tour these horrors with them, but beware: if you're not careful, you might find yourself lost in a labyrinth of fear.

A pickup artist is after your skin. A junk drawer opens into the abyss. The twin sons of an ill-fated magician plot against their abusive mother. A man wastes his life dreading an unseen entity. A senior water aerobics class takes a turn for the bizarre...

You Have to Let Them Bleed brings together the best horror fiction by two-time Bram Stoker Award finalist and nationally award-winning poet Annie Neugebauer. Together with eight new poems, this nineteen-story collection will draw you into the lovely darkness, lure you deeper into the heartbreaking and gruesome, and leave behind its own collection of horrors to fill the shadows of your mind.

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Contributor Bio

Annie is a novelist, blogger, nationally award-winning poet, and two-time Bram Stoker Award-nominated short story author. Her debut collection, *You Have to Let Them Bleed*, and her debut novella, *The Extra*, are both set for publication in 2025. She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



All The Stars Die

Cosmic Horror Novellas

John F.D. Taff

Summary

Modern horror's King of Pain, the World Fantasy Award-and Bram Stoker Award-nominated John F.D. Taff, joins Bad Hand Books with a collection of cosmic-horror novellas: *All the Stars Die*.

Here's just a taste of what to expect.

- "After the Cut, the Blood": Talent doesn't always go hand-in-hand with desire, but two musical brothers take a dark path toward forcing the issue.
- "Her Mouth is filled with Secret Soup": A boy's initial contact with a turn-of-the-century travelling medicine show reveals it's not just selling, it's conscripting labor.
- "Fin de Siècle": An early 20th-Century occultist millionaire acquires the world's biggest telescope, not to see stars and planets but to open a doorway between worlds.
- "In the Dim Meadows, Desolate": The old gods aren't dead and neither is their need for the love of man, but is the love he offers now enough?
- "All the Stars Die One by One": NASA finally uncovers the true relationship between the earth and the moon, one that brings all mankind together at last.
- "Tell Me What it Means to Me": Guilt and shame unites the people of a fractured small town together in one place... Midnight Land.

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Contributor Bio

John F.D. Taff is a multi-Bram Stoker Award finalist and World Fantasy Award finalist dark fiction author with more than 30 years experience, and more than 125 short stories and seven novels in print.

He has appeared in Cemetery Dance, Eldritch Tales, Unnerving, Deathrealm, Big Pulp and One Buck Horror, as well as anthologies such as Hot Blood: Seeds of Fear, Hot Blood: Fear the Fever, Shock Rock II, Lullabies for Suffering, Cuttedy: Beautiful Horror Stories, Behold! Shadows Over Main Street 2 & 3, Horror Library V, Best of

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Creepers: Soul Harvest

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

Siblings Jacob and Ava live pretty average lives in the suburbs. But one seemingly normal afternoon, everything changes. After a strange encounter with a neighbor, Jacob and Ava begin to notice that everyone around them, including their parents, seems to be acting differently—everyone, that is, except their friends Alex and Noah. Could it have anything to do with the mysterious new family who moved in down the street? It doesn't take long for the four friends to realize it is up to them to figur...



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Creepers: The Wishing Well

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

Be careful what you wish for... It just might come true!

New kid Aiden isn't exactly thrilled about his family's big move, but he finds a little bit of comfort when he wanders into the woods and discovers a hidden well. Whenever he visits the well, he feels like he can truly be himself. It's a safe place where he can complain about his three school bullies and not feel alone. That is until the well starts taking revenge on behalf of an unsuspecting Aiden. Once Aiden figures out that the well and...

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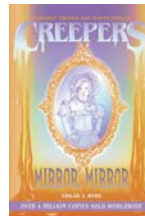
Creepers: The Rag & Bone Man

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

Beware the Rag & Bone Man!

After learning they will be spending their spring break in Hill Lake after the sudden passing of their Great Aunt Hattie, Asher and his twin siblings, Maisie and Finn, are prepared for a boring week ahead. That is until they find themselves caught up in a century-old mystery. On the night of their arrival in Hill Lake, the trio accidentally catch a glimpse of the dreaded Rag and Bone Man. This chance encounter leads them to meet with some mysterious residents of the sm...

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Creepers: Mirror, Mirror

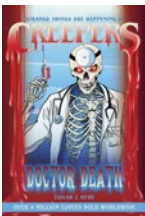
Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

A mysterious mirror hanging the Molina family's home has more to show than your reflection...

Three sisters are confronted by scenes from a mirror's past at the hands of its keeper, a young girl named Sara. They must investigate the mystery of the mirror and confront Sara with the truth, which may be the only way to release her from the mirror's spell.

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Creepers: Doctor Death

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

A new doctor in town prescribes special remedies with mysterious results...

Jacob, the basketball star of a small town, has an appointment with the new doctor in town. The handsome new MD seems to have just what he needs but soon Jacob realizes his ailments—and those of his friends—seem to only be getting worse! The boys decide to confront the doctor at his office, but what they find is beyond their wildest imaginations.

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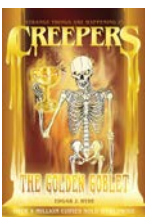
Creepers: Ghost Writer

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

The ghost writer floats between realms, always on the lookout for a piece of writing to sink his pen into. Once he finds it, he writes a story one can only describe as ghoulish.

After moving to a new house, the lives of Charlie, Kate, and Neil get turned upside down when they learn the house might be haunted. Horrific dreams filled with paranormal specters that bleed into the real world and a wicked cult operating out of the school becomes everyday occurrences for this family. Can these teens put...

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Creepers: The Golden Goblet

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

Hidden in a far-off land exists an object that has the power to change the world. It's known as the golden goblet, and depending on whose hands it falls into, it could mark the destruction of the world as we know it.

Shona and her family no longer live in Scotland, but the influence the country and her grandmother have had on her are undeniable. Her parents don't want to believe it, but something suspicious occurs when Shona falls asleep. It's almost as if she goes to another place entirely in he...



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Creepers: Cold Kisser

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

There's a new girl in class, and everyone's afraid of her. They call her the "cold kisser" because when she kisses you, it feels like she steals the warmth from your body.

The beautiful Sally Anne has everyone fascinated, including Tommy's best friend George who kisses her the first chance he gets. But it isn't just a regular kiss! Sally Anne's kiss is ice cold. Even knowing her chilling gift, Tommy can't help but get close to her and ultimately discover her big secret.

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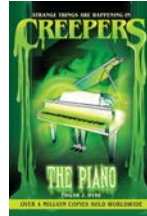
Creepers: Pen Pals

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

They say if you pass notes in class at this school, you might get in trouble with somebody other than the teacher. No matter what you write to your friend, what they end up reading is completely different.

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Olivia and Natasha are the best of friends. From hanging out after school to passing notes in class, the two are practically inseparable. Until one day, one of Natasha's notes to Olivia is altered leading Olivia on a mysterious trek to the local cemetery. It is there that she meets a ghostly gi...



Creepers: The Piano

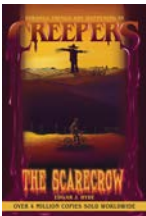
Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

Not much is known about the piano or how it works. Some say it was cursed by a witch centuries ago. Some say it was struck by lightning during a full moon. Others believe it's all a hoax.

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The Houston family can't believe their luck when they stumble upon a beautiful piano at a low price. Their delight soon turns to horror when the piano comes to life. The melodies that it plays over and over again are eerie and it becomes clear that someone from the past has a message for them.

About the Creepers ...



Creepers: The Scarecrow

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

The scarecrow is a horrible creature. He's said to stalk a different farm every few years, after he's sufficiently destroyed their crops and set fire to their barns. From the outside, he looks like any other scarecrow.

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After a series of mysterious accidents on the Davies family farm, the farmer's son, David, begins to investigate what could be causing the mysterious and unsettling occurrences. The terrifying secrets he uncovers threaten his family's safety and expose the truth about the family's ...



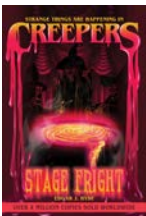
Creepers: The Gravedigger

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

The gravedigger, trying to find the key on his keyring to open the cemetery gate, drops the keyring and bends down to pick it up. Across the street, two children on bicycles watch as he glares at them.

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Andrew and his kids, Jamie and Paula, have just moved into a house in the middle of a cemetery with their ghoulish friends, a blood-phobic vampire, a vegetarian werewolf, a headless ghost, and an Egyptian mummy. But not even their spooky pals can protect them from the sinister Ebenezer Krim and the...



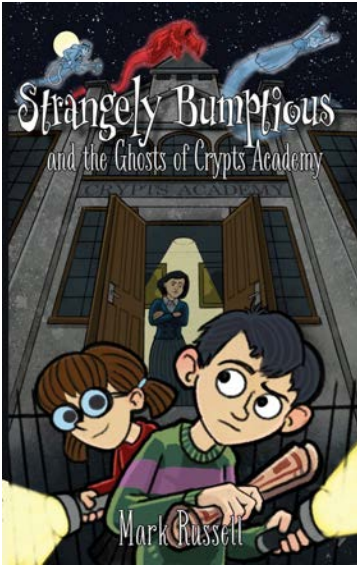
Creepers: Stage Fright

Edgar J. Hyde, Chloe Tyler

Oh Spirits Obey Us is a play that's so reviled, it never even got through a full performance before being cancelled and furthermore banned from the school. This play was grotesque and disturbing in its own right, but the reason it got banned was far more sinister.

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Jo, Melissa, and Jenny, the stars of the school play, are about to discover that being granted everything you wish for has consequences. When the girls come face to face with the real witches from the play and a mysterious ghost from th...



Strangely Bumptious and the Ghosts of Crypts Academy

Sean Bixby, Mark Russell

Summary

Ghosts! Spies! Nausea!!! Award winning author Mark Russell brings us a rollicking ghost story with an endearing protagonist, where the sick kids win the day.

Strangely Bumptious has a problem. There's a ghost in his closet named Frank. And Frank wants to recruit Strangely to be a Spook for the Ghost Intelligence Agency (G.I.A.) because he has a rare gift. He can turn into a ghost!

Always off balance and nauseous with Meniere's Disease, Strangely relishes the moments he's out of his sick body, as a ghost with no 'tippy' symptoms. But to be a certified Spook Agent, Strangely has to complete his first mission. He must stop the evil ghost Dr. Dubsdread from haunting his new school, Crypts Academy. To do this, Strangely must find the lost bones of a 200-year-old ghost named Lizzie, and return them to the crypt.

Together with his new friend Waver Standing, Strangely races against the clock (slowly, of course, so as not to get the tippies) to find Lizzie's bones before Dr. Dubsdread attacks the Halloween Dance and closes Crypts Academy forever.

Not to mention the whole fabric of reality unraveling.

No pressure.

Contributor Bio

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No One Slept

Rafael Sica, Bruna Dantas Lobato

Summary

"A quiet celebration of reading and family that's equal parts charming and gently spooky."—*Kirkus Reviews*

No One Slept is a celebration of storytelling and a bedtime story for everyone—even restless ghosts.

No One Slept is a captivating children's book that doubles as a bedtime story for ghosts. Set in a hauntingly picturesque home, the story revolves around Little Kooky, a fearless little girl who helps her family and even the neighbor's dog fall asleep by sharing enchanting tales from her books. Without her, no one in the house would sleep.

This intriguing book evokes memories of sleepless nights and childhood fears, showcasing the power of stories to soothe even the most frightened residents in a haunted house. *No One Slept* is a story about insomnia, sleep, noise, silence, fear, death, life, family, home, and the supernatural, all through the lens of Little Kooky's reading adventures.

A leading figure in contemporary Brazilian comics, Rafael Sica is known for his illustrated books for adults. With this stunning picture book, he makes his debut in children's literature. Sica's illustrations, inspired by his hometown of Pelotas in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, add a layer of mystery that deepens the charm of this exceptional story.

Contributor Bio

Rafael Sica, born in the city of Pelotas, Brazil, in 1979, is a leading figure in contemporary Brazilian comics. In 2010, he published his first book, *Ordinário*. Since then, he has published several works, including *Fachadas, Brasil*, and *Triste*. *No One Slept*, originally published in Portuguese as *Ninguém Dormia*, marks Sica's debut in children's literature, bringing his distinctive style to a new audience. Bruna Dantas Lobato is a writer and translator. Her fiction has appeared in *The New Yorker, Guernica, A Public Space*, and *The Common*. Her translation of *The Words That Remain* by Stênio Gardel received the 2023 National Book Award for Translated Literature. Originally from Natal, Brazil, she lives in Iowa and teaches at Grinnell College. Her debut novel, *Blue Light Hours*, is out now from Grove Atlantic.

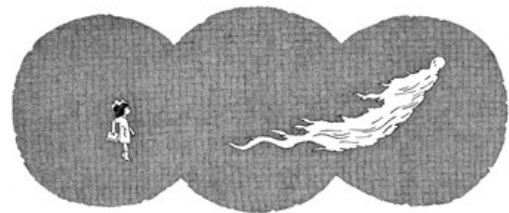


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Hardcover Picture Book

40 Pages
Ages 8 to 12
Juvenile Fiction / Ghost Stories
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DECAÍDO ZOMBIETICO HORREN IN THE HOUSE,
THERE WAS A GHOST FROM A RUSTY PAST.
THE BRAD RESIDENT LIKED TO GET OUT OF THE APARTMENT
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO TRY AND GIVE THEM A SCARE.



EVEN THE NEIGHBOR'S DOG DECIDED TO TAKE A NIP.



Goodnight America 7x7

Taffy Tales, Charlotte Pepper

Summary

Say goodnight to America. **Goodnight America** is a charming board book that takes little readers on a cozy, cross-country journey from coast to coast. With gentle, rhyming text and vibrant illustrations, this bedtime favorite introduces a fascinating fact about each region—perfect for sparking curiosity while winding down for the night.

This keepsake beautifully celebrates the beauty, culture, and spirit of America, and is coming out just in time for America's 250th. **Why readers will love Goodnight America:**

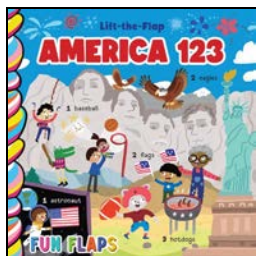
- **Cozy bedtime journey:** Gentle rhymes and soothing text make it perfect for winding down.
- **Educational and fun:** Introduces fun facts about different US people, regions, and landmarks.
- **Vibrant illustrations:** Colorful, detailed artwork brings America's landscapes and culture to life.
- **Celebrates America pride:** A heartfelt tribute to the country, ideal for families.
- **Durable and kid-friendly:** Sturdy board book pages hold up to repeated reading by little hands.

Whether for a bedtime routine or a keepsake for young Americans, **Goodnight America** is a sweet, educational, and heartwarming way to say goodnight.

Taffy Tales
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Pub Date: 5/5/26
\$7.99 USD
Board Book

20 Pages
Ages 0 to 3
Juvenile Fiction /
Biographical
JUV004020

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0.6 lb Wt



America 123

Carrie Hager, Judy Wilson

Summary

Happy 250th birthday, America!

America 123 takes little adventurers on a counting journey through some of the most beloved American scenes—from bustling farms to peaceful wildlife parks, and beyond. Each number introduces a new set of objects to count, whether it's **1 barn, 3 eagles in a forest, or 10 stars in the night sky**. Whimsical illustrations bring each setting to life, making it easy and fun for kids to count while exploring the beauty and diversity of America.

The **thick flaps** make it perfect for small hands to engage with, revealing surprises and fun facts as children learn about the objects they're counting—offering both a counting lesson and a mini exploration of American culture. From rural farms to breathtaking national parks, *America 123* lets children experience America's natural beauty while developing important early math skills.

Timed to celebrate **America's 250th anniversary in 2026**, this playful and educational book is a wonderful way to introduce your little ones to counting while fostering a love for the rich diversity of the United States.

Why You'll Love This Book:

- **Engaging Early Learning** – Combines counting practice with fun facts and beautiful illustrations to make learning enjoyable.
- **Interactive Lift-the-Flap Design** – Sturdy flaps encourage hands-on exploration and keep curious toddlers entertained.
- **Celebrate America's Beauty** – Perfect for patriotic families or as a keepsake gift to commemorate America's 250th anniversary.

Taffy Tales
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Pub Date: 5/5/26
On Sale Date: 7/1/26
\$9.99 USD
Board Book

12 Pages
Ages 0 to 4
Juvenile Nonfiction / Places
JNF038100

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Welcome to Canada

Elena Sturgess, Jim Taylor

Summary

Welcome to Canada – A Celebration of Beauty, Peace, and Home

Canada is beautiful. Canada is peaceful. Canada is welcoming. Where else would you rather live—or visit? With lyrical, poetic text, author Jennifer Sutoski takes young readers on a heartfelt journey through the wonders of Canada, capturing the pride and warmth of what it means to call this incredible country home.

From its breathtaking landscapes to its spirit of inclusivity, *Welcome to Canada* celebrates the essence of Canadian life and invites readers from around the world to share in its magic. This is more than a picture book—it's a love letter to a country that values peace, diversity, and natural beauty.

- ✓ Perfect for Canadian families and those curious about Canada
- ✓ Lyrical language makes it an ideal bedtime or classroom read
- ✓ A beautiful introduction to the values and culture of Canada

Taffy Tales
9781834040134
Pub Date: 3/3/26
\$7.99 USD
Board Book

20 Pages
Ages 0 to 3
Juvenile Nonfiction / Places
JNF038040

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Oh, Canada!

Abby Lawrence-Valeriani, Taffy Tales

Summary

Oh, Canada! – Interactive Look and Find Lift-the-Flap Board Book

Celebrate the beauty and diversity of Canada with **Oh, Canada!**, the newest title in Taffy Tales' best-selling **Look and Find Lift-the-Flap** series. This vibrant, interactive board book invites young readers to explore Canada's landscapes, wildlife, and landmarks while discovering hidden surprises under every chunky flap. From the icy tundra of the North to the lush forests of the East, children will meet iconic animals like moose and beavers, spot famous landmarks like the CN Tower and the Rockies, and learn fun facts about Canada's provinces and territories.

Why readers will love this book:

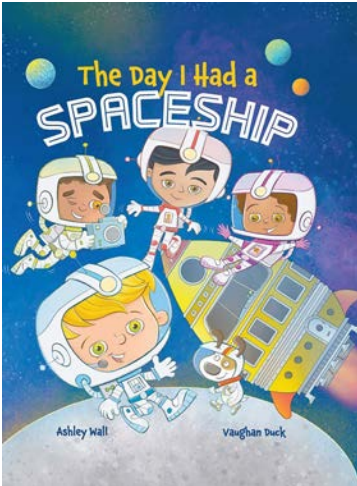
- **Interactive lift-the-flap fun:** Young explorers will enjoy uncovering hidden animals, objects, and surprises on every page.
- **Learn about Canada's wildlife and landmarks:** Introduces children to Canadian geography, culture, and animals in a playful and engaging way.
- **Durable and travel-friendly:** Sturdy board book with a convenient carrying handle, perfect for home, travel, or gifting.

Taffy Tales
9781998211845
Pub Date: 11/4/25
On Sale Date: 9/15/25
\$12.99 USD
Lift-the-Flap Book

10 Pages
Ages 0 to 3
Juvenile Nonfiction / History
JNF025050

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0.9 lb Wt





The Day I Had a Spaceship

Vaughan Duck, Ashley Wall

Summary

Gold Medal Winner for Best Picture Book from BookFest
Silver Medal Winner for Best Picture Book from Readers' Choice

Blast off on a heartwarming, space-filled adventure with Luke and his friends!

In *The Day I Had a Spaceship*, Luke, Emma, Mikey, and Noah discover just how far their imaginations can take them—straight to the Moon and beyond! When their toys come to life, the backyard becomes a launch pad and the four friends find themselves on a cosmic journey filled with challenges, surprises, and opportunities to help one another. Together, they learn that kindness and cooperation are the most powerful tools in the universe.

The Day I Had a Spaceship is the fourth installment of the The Day I Had... series by award-winning educator and author Ashley Wall and winner of the Readers' Choice Best Picture Book Silver Medal. The series of picture books combines fun storytelling with valuable lessons in social-emotional development. With lively, colorful illustrations by Vaughan Duck, it's a joyful read for home or classroom.

This book promotes:

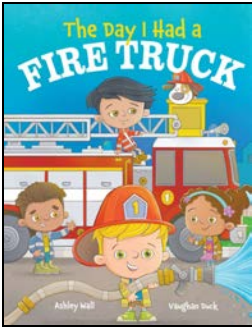
- Imagination and creativity through playful adventure
- Teamwork, kindness, and problem-solving
- Early literacy and emotional intelligence



Mamabear Books
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Pub Date: 10/14/2025
\$17.95
Hardcover

32 Pages
Ages 4 to 6
Juvenile Fiction / Science Fiction
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11 in H | 8.5 in W





The Day I Had a Fire Truck

Ashley Wall, Vaughan Duck

Summary

A Readers' Choice Book Award Finalist!

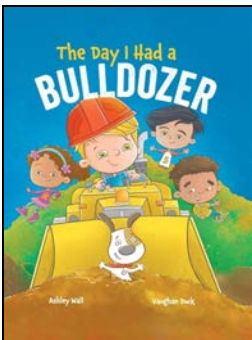
From best-selling and award-winning author Ashley Wall comes another larger-than-life children's picture book adventure celebrating friendship, imagination, and teamwork.

When the firefighters take the day off to test out the new waterslide, Luke and his friends jump at the opportunity to take over the fire department! Using their newly discovered firefighting gear, they set out to help others in their community. Join these kind, creative friends as they use teamwork and imagination to become heroes for a day.

Parents, teachers, young readers, and fire truck fans will love this playful and heartwarming fire truck adventure that inspires kids to think creatively, work together, and help others.

Mamabear Books
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Pub Date: 3/25/25
\$18.95 USD
Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Ages 4 to 6
Juvenile Fiction /
Transportation
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The Day I Had a Bulldozer

Vaughan Duck, Jennifer Rees, Ashley Wall

Summary

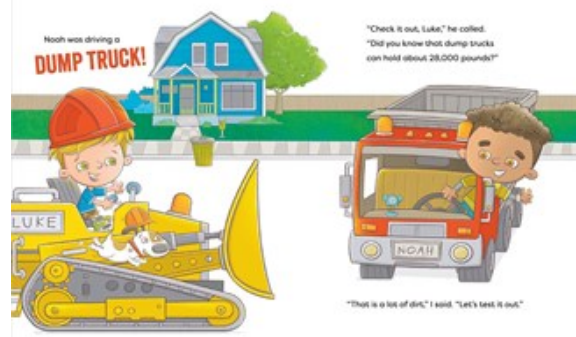
This award-winning picture book by former teacher, Ashley Wall, is sure to engage all construction loving children.

A fun-filled friendship story about our favorite things that go...CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES! Luke can't believe his eyes when he looks from his window and sees a bulldozer outside...with his name on it! He feels like the luckiest boy in the world vrooming around with his best buddy, his dog Bobo. But the fun is only getting started when his friends ride in on a dump truck, steamroller, and excavator. Come join these kind-hearted friends for an amazing day of construction adventure!

Kids will love turning the final page of the story to discover a sneak peek at book two.

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Ages 4 to 6
Juvenile Fiction /
Transportation
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Fly High, Airplane!

Jennifer Eckford, Kay Hunt

Summary

From the team behind *Try Again, Tractor!* and *You Can Do It, Digger!* comes a soaring story of self-confidence, encouragement, and the power of taking flight—literally and figuratively!

Get Ready for Takeoff!

Airplane is waiting nervously on the tarmac. It's a big day—the skies are calling, but Airplane isn't so sure about flying high. With support from friendly ground crew and other avian teammates, Airplane discovers that with a little practice and a lot of heart, even the most hesitant flyer can reach new heights.

Double the Flaps, Double the Fun!

This engaging board book features double-layer lift-the-flaps, offering a hands-on reading experience that reveals surprises hidden beneath each flap. With rhyming, read-aloud text and vibrant illustrations, *Fly High, Airplane!* helps build early literacy skills while keeping toddlers and preschoolers captivated.

Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers who love airplanes, airports, and all things that fly, this uplifting adventure promotes key themes of overcoming fears, building confidence, and embracing challenges—all through the lens of teamwork and perseverance.

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\$9.99 USD
Board Book

10 Pages
Ages 3 to 5
Juvenile Fiction /
Transportation
JUV041010
7.8 in H | 6.8 in W



You're Tough, Tugboat!

Jennifer Eckford, Kay Hunt

Summary

From the creators of *Try Again, Tractor!* and *You Can Do It, Digger!* comes a heartwarming, action-packed adventure that celebrates courage, cooperation, and discovering your own strength—even when the waves get rough.

All Aboard for a High-Seas Team Adventure! At the busy dockside, big ships and hardworking harbor helpers are getting ready to head out to sea. Crane lifts the cargo, Pilot Boat shows the way, and Lightship keeps everyone safe. But when strong winds blow in and things don't go as planned, it's up to Tugboat to prove that true toughness isn't about size—it's about heart, determination, and never giving up.

Lift the Flaps for a Surprise Under Every Wave! This interactive board book features double-layer lift-the-flaps, offering little readers extra surprises as they explore the story. With rhyming, read-aloud text and bold, colorful illustrations, *You're Tough, Tugboat!* invites children to engage with the story while building early literacy skills and developing fine motor coordination.

Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers who love vehicles, boats, and hands-on play, this empowering story reinforces key social-emotional themes like teamwork, resilience, and self-belief. Ideal for fans of construction sites, busy ports, and heart-filled adventures on the high seas!

Set sail with Tugboat and friends—because even the smallest boats can weather the biggest storms.

Contributor Bio

JENNIFER ECKFORD is a writer whose books have been published in more than thirty languages around the world. She studied painting at the Slade School of Fine Art in London before becoming an award-winning writer, editor and publisher of children's books. She lives on the North Norfolk coast in the UK with her young family.



In the Garden, En el jardín
A Bilingual Journey where Nature and Love Bloom
Ana Peake

Summary

In the Garden is a vibrant bilingual children's book that celebrates Latino culture, family traditions, and the beauty of nature and gardening. Through playful and poetic text, young readers discover a family's colorful garden where they grow chiles, tomatoes, and watermelons, play soccer, feed the birds, and enjoy fiestas filled with music and stories. With themes of family bonding, outdoor learning, and cultural pride, this book is a heartwarming tribute to the special moments shared en el jardín—where love, language, and nature bloom together.

Contributor Bio

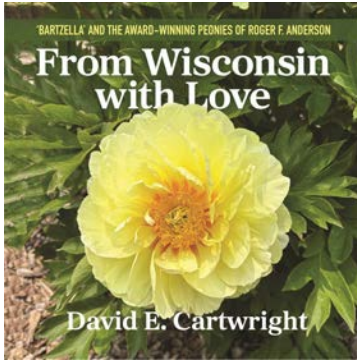
Ana is an Illustrator located in Austin, Texas whose work focuses on Children's Art, Children's Editorial, Greeting Cards and Holiday. With ten years of graphic design and art direction experience, Ana discovered her love for illustration and bringing art into the lives of children. Since then she has created work for Minted, Target, Kendra Scott, Five Below, Papyrus and Barnes & Noble. Her work celebrates her Mexican American heritage, her love for all things holiday and her passion for children's education. Away from the studio, you can find her gardening, exploring Austin's culinary scene and making her own discoveries in the kitchen with her husband and two young children.



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Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
Ages 6 to 8
Juvenile Fiction / Hispanic & Latino
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From Wisconsin with Love

'Bartzella' and the Award-Winning Peonies of Roger F. Anderson

David Cartwright

Summary

What do you get when a quiet Wisconsin hybridizer dares to dream in yellow? A global sensation named 'Bartzella.'

Voted the number one peony by the American Peony Society, 'Bartzella' is just one of Roger F. Anderson's groundbreaking creations that transformed the world of peony breeding. In this beautifully illustrated and accessible book, David E. Cartwright traces the dramatic journey of peonies from ancient China to Midwestern gardens and explores how Anderson rose to become a leading force in intersectional hybrids. Along the way, readers meet the legendary breeders, pivotal nurseries, and passionate personalities who shaped the modern peony. With a mix of horticultural insight, personal anecdotes, and vibrant photography, this is the first book to celebrate Anderson's remarkable legacy—and the Wisconsin roots of a flower beloved worldwide.

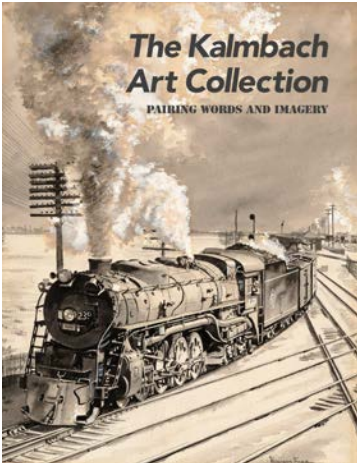
Contributor Bio

David E. Cartwright, professor emeritus of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, is the author of ten books, including works on Schopenhauer translated into multiple languages. A longtime gardener and friend of Roger Anderson, Cartwright has spent nearly four decades cultivating an expansive collection of plants at his Existential Gardens in Wisconsin.



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The Kalmbach Art Collection
Pairing Words and Imagery
Scott Lothes

Summary

For the ninety years spanning 1934 to 2024, Kalmbach Publishing Co. (later Kalmbach Media) was a national leader in railroad publications with its books and flagship magazines, *Trains* and *Model Railroader*. Editors like David P.Morgan helped shape the visual culture of railroading. The company amassed a collection of more than fifty original paintings and drawings, their creators a who's who of railroad artists. Following the sale of Kalmbach to Firecrown Media in 2024, the company donated the Kalmbach Art Collection to the Center for Railroad Photography & Art, which now preserves and shares the artwork through a traveling exhibition and this publication.

Contributor Bio

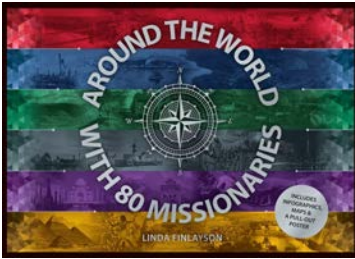
Scott Lothes is the executive director of the Center for Railroad Photography & Art and editor of its journal, *Railroad Heritage*. He also helps write, edit, and produce the Center's books. He grew up in West Virginia and earned a B.S. degree in mechanical engineer at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. His photographs and articles appear frequently in railroad magazines and other publications, and he has made numerous presentations to railroad and travel groups.



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 Hardcover

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Around the World with 80 Missionaries

Linda Finlayson

Summary

Around the World with 80 Missionaries: An Epic Adventure Through Faith and History

Join an extraordinary journey across all seven continents as you discover the incredible true stories of eighty brave missionaries who changed the world! From the frozen landscapes of Antarctica to the bustling markets of Asia, from African jungles to Pacific islands, this captivating book takes young readers on an unforgettable adventure through time and geography.

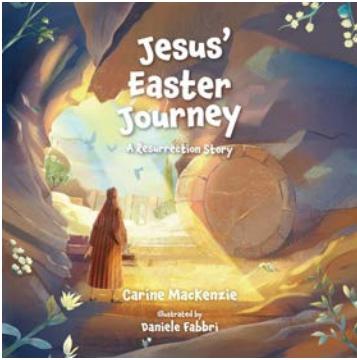
Meet courageous men and women like Hudson Taylor in China, David Livingstone in Africa, and Amy Carmichael in India, who left comfortable homes to share God's love in dangerous and distant lands. Discover how Gladys Aylward rescued children in war-torn China, how John Paton survived cannibals in the Pacific, and how Mary Slessor became a peacemaker in Nigeria.

Packed with fascinating facts about each continent, detailed maps, and engaging stories that read like adventure novels, this book combines geography, history, and inspiring faith stories. Young readers will learn about different cultures, witness incredible acts of courage, and understand how the Gospel spread around the globe.

Perfect for ages 8-14, this beautifully illustrated volume shows how ordinary people were involved in extraordinary things when they answered God's call. Each story demonstrates that anyone—regardless of age, background, or abilities—can make a difference in the world.

Contributor Bio

Linda Finlayson is an author who writes biographies and church history books for children, including 'God's Timeline' and 'God's Bible Timeline'. She lives in the Philadelphia area with her husband, Sandy Finlayson, author, and retired librarian and professor. They have one son.



Jesus' Easter Journey
A Resurrection Story
 Carine MacKenzie

Summary

Follow Jesus through the most pivotal week in human history with this beautifully crafted retelling of the Easter story.

From his triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey to his glorious ascension into heaven, young readers will experience every meaningful moment of Christ's final earthly journey.

This engaging narrative guides children through the Palm Sunday celebration, where crowds waved branches and shouted "Hosanna," to the sacred Last Supper where Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples.

Witness the dramatic events in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter's heartbreaking denial, and the trials before Pilate and Herod that led to the crucifixion.

The story doesn't end with Jesus' death on the cross. Children will marvel at the empty tomb discovery, Mary Magdalene's joyful encounter with the risen Christ, and the miraculous appearances to the disciples.

From the road to Emmaus to the seaside breakfast with the fishermen, every resurrection appearance is lovingly detailed.

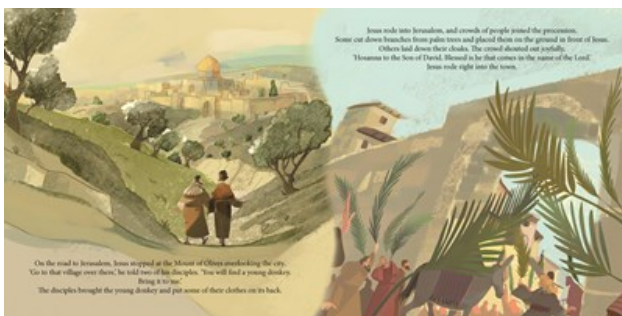
Written in accessible language perfect for young minds and complemented by thoughtful illustrations, the clear, chronological storytelling helps kids grasp the significance of each moment while maintaining the wonder and mystery of these events.

Ideal for family devotions, Sunday school classes, or bedtime reading during Easter season, this book offers parents and teachers a valuable resource for sharing the gospel message.

The story concludes with Jesus' ascension and the disciples' mission to spread the good news—a message that continues today through every believer who shares this timeless story.



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FAITH & RELIGION | Christian Non-Fiction



Bible Stories Fun Flaps

LeeAnn Dominick, Taffy Tales

Summary

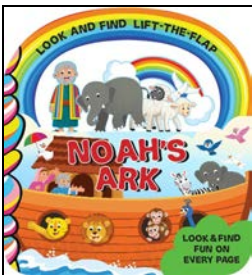
Introducing Bible Stories – the first Christian title in Taffy Tales' best-selling **Fun Flaps** series, just in time for Easter 2026! This interactive board book brings beloved Bible stories to life with die-cuts, sturdy flaps, and vibrant illustrations that children will love to explore.

Young readers can experience timeless biblical tales in a fun, hands-on way. Lift the flap to reveal the rainbow in **Noah's Ark**, peek inside the giant fish in **Jonah and the Big Fish**, or help Moses part the Red Sea—all while discovering the story of Jesus' resurrection and more. These interactive elements keep kids engaged while teaching important lessons from the Bible.

Why You'll Love Bible Stories:

- **Interactive Learning** – Chunky flaps and die-cuts make exploring Bible stories hands-on and memorable.
- **Educational and Fun** – Introduces key Bible stories in an age-appropriate, engaging way.
- **Durable for Little Hands** – Thick board pages and sturdy flaps withstand repeated use and make the book perfect for at-home or on-the-go reading.

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Juvenile Nonfiction / Religion
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Noah's Ark

Leanne Dominick

Summary

Noah's Ark – Look and Find Lift-the-Flap Board Book

All aboard for a colorful adventure with **Noah's Ark**, the latest title in Taffy Tales' best-selling Look and Find Lift-the-Flap series! Join Noah and his family as they scramble to gather every animal before the floodwaters rise. With playful flaps to lift and fun surprises on every page, this interactive board book brings the beloved biblical story to life for young readers.

Why readers will love this book:

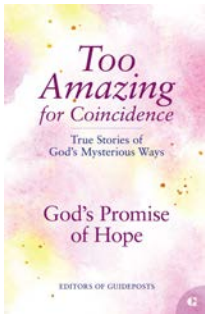
- **Interactive exploration:** Lift chunky flaps to discover hidden animals and surprises on every page.
- **Engaging storytelling:** A child-friendly retelling of Noah's Ark that blends fun with a classic story.
- **Stunning illustrations:** Bright, colorful artwork captures the excitement and charm of the Ark's voyage.

Shaped like the Ark itself, with cleverly placed tab flaps, this whimsical format makes learning and playtime even more exciting. **Noah's Ark** is perfect for storytime, early learning, and gifting—a delightful way to teach kids about courage, faith, and caring for animals.

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Guideposts



God's Promise of Hope : True Stories of God's Mysterious Ways

Guideposts
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\$19.95 USD
Trade Paperback
Religion / Christian Living / Inspirational
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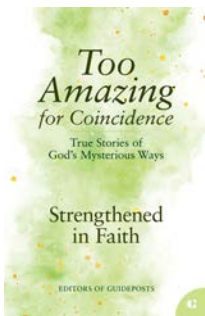
Summary:

God's Promise of Hope is the fifth book in the *Too Amazing for Coincidence* non fiction series.

In life's most challenging moments—facing health issues for themselves or a loved one, financial challenges that threaten a church or a business, or just ordinary stresses that become overwhelming—ordinary people receive signs from God that give them the hope to persevere and find the good things that lie just around the corner.

In this series, *Too Amazing for Coincidence*, they must be recognize...

Guideposts



Strengthened in Faith : True Stories of God's Mysterious Ways

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\$19.95 USD
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Religion / Christian Living / Inspirational
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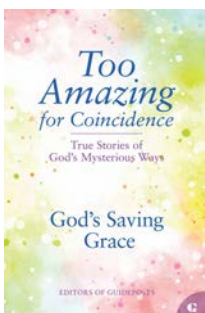
Summary:

In **Strengthened in Faith**, book two in the *Too Amazing for Coincidence* non fiction series, you'll find stories of people reassured by animal companions who arrived out of the blue when they were needed most; chance meetings that provided unexpected messages of love and support; people who acted in response to a nudge from God—and helped strangers in their time of greatest need.

Let these fifty-five stories of God's love and comfort lift you up and strengthen your own faith walk.

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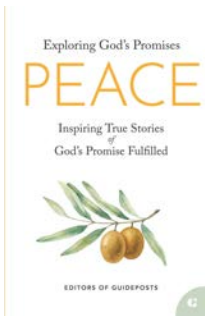
God's Saving Grace : True Stories of God's Mysterious Ways

Guideposts
9781965859278
Pub Date: 3/24/26
\$19.95 USD
Trade Paperback
Religion / Christian Living / Inspirational
8.5 in H | 5.5 in W

Summary: God's Saving Grace is the sixth book in the *Too Amazing for Coincidence* non fiction series.

Witness people in danger of all kinds—from life-threatening potential car crashes to spiritual, mental, or health challenges—who were saved from a dire outcome by God's intervention and unceasing love.

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Peace : Inspiring True Stories of God's Promise Fulfilled

Guideposts
9781965859797
Pub Date: 2/10/26
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256 pages
Trade Paperback
Religion / Faith
8.5 in H | 5.5 in W

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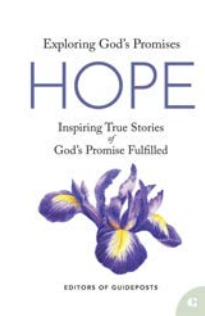
Find the true peace of God through 34 real-life stories of hope, healing, and faith.

In **Exploring God's Promises: Peace**, discover how God's promise of peace transforms lives. This uplifting devotional collection features 34 true stories from everyday people who faced emotional struggles, personal loss, and inner doubt—and found lasting peace by trusting in God's Word.

With each story, you will witness God's faithfulness and be reminded that peace is possible in every season of life.

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Hope : Inspiring True Stories of God's Promise Fulfilled

Guideposts
9781965859780
Pub Date: 2/10/26
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256 pages
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Religion / Faith
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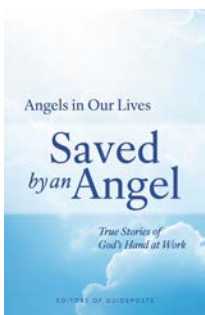
Discover the transformative power of hope through 37 true stories of faith, perseverance, and God's unwavering presence.

In **Exploring God's Promises: Hope**, experience true Stories of God's Promises to Inspire Faith, Strength, and Endurance

Experience 37 powerful true stories of hope, faith, and God's enduring love—written to uplift, encourage, and strengthen your spirit.

Are you searching for a deeper sense of hope during difficult times? **Exploring God's Promises: Hope** brings you real-life...

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Saved by an Angel : True Stories of God's Hand at Work

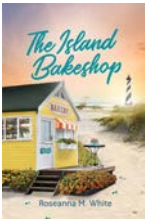
Guideposts
9781965859445
Pub Date: 6/2/26
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Trade Paperback
Religion / Christian Living / Inspirational
8.5 in H | 5.5 in W

Summary: **Saved by An Angel** is book 1 in Guideposts' *Angels in Our Lives* nonfiction series.

It feels like something straight out of a movie—help appearing out of nowhere, just in time to save the day. But instead of a script, it's a true story from **Saved by an Angel**. You'll be awed and amazed as you read unforgettable, never-before-published accounts of people who were rescued, protected, or guided by God's divine messengers at exactly the right moment.

These dramatic, first-person stories share ho...

FAITH & RELIGION | Christian Fiction



The Island Bakeshop

Roseanna M. White, Guideposts

Come back to the sun-drenched shores of the Outer ...



9781965859629
 Guideposts
 Pub Date: 5/19/2026
 \$18.95 USD
 Trade Paperback
 Fiction • Fiction / Christian
 / Contemporary



Ruffled Feathers

Roseanna M. White, Guideposts

Ruffled Feathers is book twenty in the *Mysteries o...*



9781965859889
 Guideposts
 Pub Date: 6/16/2026
 \$18.95 USD
 Trade Paperback
 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy



Badgering the Witness

Beth Adams, Guideposts

Badgering the Witness is book nineteen in the *Myst...*



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 Guideposts
 Pub Date: 5/19/2026
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 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy



The Final Cut

Roseanna White, Guideposts

The Final Cut is the eleventh book in *The Mysterie...*



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 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy

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The Cookbook Clue

Elizabeth Penney, Guideposts

About the Mysteries of Blackberry Valley Series
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9781965859032
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 Pub Date: 2/10/2026
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 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy



No Love Lost

Becky Melby, Guideposts

No Love Lost is the ninth book in the *Mysteries of...*



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 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy



A Gift in Time

Shaen Layle, Guideposts

A Gift in Time is book 1 in Guideposts' *Gift Shop ...*



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 Guideposts
 Pub Date: 4/28/2026
 \$18.95 USD
 Trade Paperback
 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy



Forged in Fire

Stephanie Coleman, Guideposts

Forged in Fire is the fourteenth book in *The Myste...*



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 Guideposts
 Pub Date: 6/2/2026
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 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy

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The Big Picture

Laura Bradford, Guideposts

The Big Picture is the fifteenth book in *The Myste...*



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 Guideposts
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 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy



The Mandolin Mystery

Cate Nolan, Guideposts

The Mandolin Mystery is the thirteenth book in *The...*



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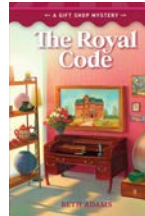
A Brush with Danger

Beth Adams, Guideposts

A Brush with Danger is the twelfth book in *The Mys...*



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 Guideposts
 Pub Date: 4/7/2026
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 Trade Paperback
 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy



The Royal Code

Beth Adams, Guideposts

The Royal Code is book 2 in Guideposts' *Gift Shop ...*



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 Guideposts
 Pub Date: 6/30/2026
 \$18.95 USD
 Trade Paperback
 Fiction • Fiction / Mystery
 & Detective / Cozy

Yad Vashem Publications

**Yad Vashem Studies 54:1**

Sharon Kangisser Cohen

9789653087200

Pub Date: 6/1/26

\$21.99 USD

200 pages

Paperback

History / Modern / 20Th Century

9 in H | 6 in W



Summary: A cutting-edge peer-review academic journal of Holocaust research using interdisciplinary approaches to the study of the Holocaust and its aftermath.

Yad Vashem Studies is an academic journal featuring articles on the cutting edge of research and reflection on the Holocaust. *Yad Vashem Studies* is a must for any serious library seeking to offer the essential texts on the Nazi era and the Holocaust. Beginning with volume 35, *Yad Vashem Studies* has come out twice annually, in spring and fal...

Yad Vashem Publications

**To Redeem History : Real-Time Orthodox Responses to the Holocaust**

Gershon Greenberg

9789653087170

Pub Date: 3/1/26

\$49.99 USD

464 pages

Hardcover

History / Modern / 20Th Century

9 in H | 6 in W

Summary:

How did orthodox Jews during the Holocaust give meaning to their tragic fate and continue to believe in God?

"Why? What was our sin that the punishment is so severe? We debated this question more than once in Belsen. Philosophizing Jews attempted to delve deeply into the truth and grasp the course of events. All the debates ended with an ancient conclusion: God's ways in running the world are inestimably beyond anything a mortal can understand." Ephraim Londner, postwar.

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Yad Vashem Publications

**Luna : The Life and Survival of an Invisible Woman from Saloniki**

Rika Benveniste

9789653087231

Pub Date: 5/1/26

\$31.99 USD

200 pages

Hardcover

History / Modern / 20Th Century

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Summary: Reconstructing the life and memory of a lost Jewish woman and Holocaust survivor from Salonika

This powerful historical biography brings to light the forgotten life of Luna, a poor, uneducated Jewish woman from Thessaloniki and a survivor of Auschwitz. Through her story, the book explores the Holocaust, postwar poverty, and the complexities of memory and survival in twentieth-century Europe.

Adopting a micro-historical approach, the narrative weaves together personal testimonies, archival...

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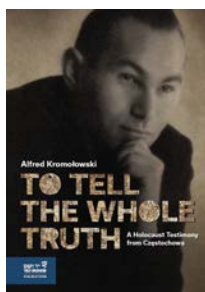
Confession : The Story of a Jewish Family During the Nazi Occupation of Poland

Calek (Calek) Perechodnik, David Engel
9789653087224
Pub Date: 3/1/26
\$39.99 USD
400 pages
Hardcover
History / Modern / 20Th Century
9 in H | 6 in W

Summary: The haunting wartime diary of a Jewish policeman and his tragic fate.

Calek Perechodnik (1916–1944), a Polish Jew from the town of Otwock near Warsaw, found himself in unimaginable circumstances during the German occupation. In February 1941, he joined the Jewish Ghetto Police in Otwock, believing it would protect him and his family from deportation. However, in August 1942, during a mass deportation of the town's Jews, Perechodnik personally handed over his wife Anna and daughter Atlit ...

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To Tell the Whole Truth : A Holocaust Testimony from Czestochowa

Alfred Kromolowski
9789653087217
Pub Date: 3/1/26
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History / Modern / 20Th Century
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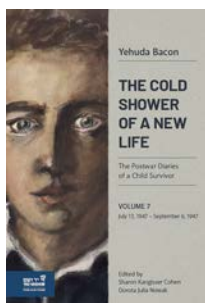
Summary:

A powerful and comprehensive memoir on the crimes against- and murder of Czestochowa's longstanding Jewish community.

"I have tried to illustrate as accurately as possible, against the background of pivotal political events, the experiences of three generations of Polish Jews, members of my family and people close to me in my native town of Czestochowa."

Alfred Kromolowski was born in 1908 in Czestochowa, a key industrial city in southern Poland, where he grew up in a family deeply rooted...

Yad Vashem Publications



The Cold Shower of a New Life : The Postwar Diaries of a Child Survivor. Vol. 7 - July 13, 1947–September 5, 1947

Yehuda Bacon, Sharon Kangisser Cohen, Dorota Julia Nowak
9789653087187
Pub Date: 3/1/26
\$31.99 USD
200 pages
Hardcover
History / Modern / 20Th Century
9 in H | 6 in W

Summary: A touching personal diary of a young artist retuning to life after the Holocaust.

These notebooks tell the story of a young survivor exploring his emotional and physical challenges after intense suffering, while discovering his strengths and abilities as he builds a life after the Holocaust. The writings reflect the author's inner dialogue regarding the meaning of his existence, and his conversations, real and imagined, with his lost loved ones, contemporaries, and former fellow camp inmates...

I Think I'm Goin' Back**A Memoir of Wausau**

Michael Sajbel

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Available****Summary**

You can leave your hometown—but some places never leave you.

In I Think I'm Goin' Back, Michael O. Sajbel returns to Wausau, Wisconsin—not just to write about the expansion of its hospital, but to reconnect with the people, memories, and spirit that shaped his life. What begins as a writing assignment becomes a moving reflection on small-town America in the early 1970s, a time of quiet revolutions in medicine, community, and culture.

Through interviews with doctors, nurses, volunteers, and local leaders, Sajbel captures a portrait of a city in transition—one where medical miracles and personal revelations unfold side by side. Woven throughout is the author's own journey: the push and pull of home, the tenderness of memory, and the lasting imprint of those who quietly make history.

With warmth, wit, and a deep affection for the people of Wausau, this memoir invites readers to consider what it really means to go back—and what we find when we do.

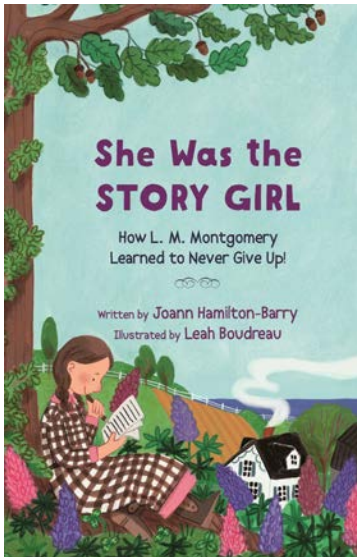
Contributor Bio

Michael O. Sajbel is a Wisconsin-born writer and filmmaker whose work spans both memoir and motion picture. A native of Wausau, he launched his creative journey in Hollywood, directing and writing films such as *One Night With the King* and *The Ultimate Gift*, and later the supernatural thriller. In this memoir, Sajbel returns to the place that shaped him, weaving his cinematic eye and small-town roots into a heartfelt exploration of community, memory, and home.



Little Creek Press
9781967311903
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\$19.95
Paperback

324 Pages
Biography & Autobiography /
Memoirs
BIO026000
9 in H | 6 in W



She Was the Story Girl

How L. M. Montgomery Learned to Never Give Up!

Joann Hamilton-Barry

Summary

An entertaining and inspiring early reader celebrating the beloved author of *Anne of Green Gables*, featuring full colour illustrations.

"You see I had learned the first, last, and middle lesson?'never give up!'"

—L. M. Montgomery

Before she wrote the bestselling *Anne of Green Gables*, Lucy Maud Montgomery was just a girl from Prince Edward Island, dreaming of being a writer.

She Was the Story Girl tells the fascinating true story of young Maud's difficult childhood and her unstoppable enthusiasm for writing. Before Maud was two years old, her mother died and her father moved out west, leaving her to be raised by her strict grandparents. They didn't believe children should read or write stories. But Maud couldn't resist a good tale. She looked for inspiration everywhere, from gossip overheard at the post office to ghostly laundry hanging on the line. Everything she experienced or imagined helped her become the beloved writer we know today.

With informational sidebars and charming, full-colour illustrations throughout, this early chapter book will inspire budding young writers and kindred spirits alike.



Nimbus Publishing Limited
9781774715017

Pub Date: 5/12/2026

On Sale Date: 6/23/2026

\$16.95

Paperback Picture Book

48 Pages

watercolour illustrations

Ages 06 to 11

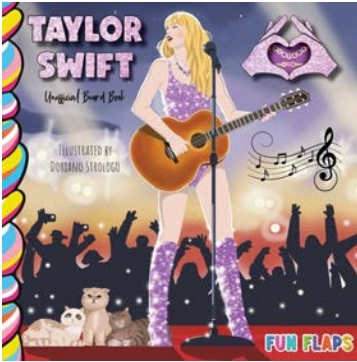
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Taffy Tales
9781834040066
Pub Date: 6/2/2026
On Sale Date: 9/16/2025
\$9.99
Board Book
12 Pages
Ages 0 to 4
Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography &
Autobiography
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Taylor Swift Unofficial Fun Flaps Board Book

Abby Lawrence-Valeriani, Doiano Strologo

Summary

Hello Swifties!

Taylor may not be touring this fall... but she's still *the* most popular musical artist on the planet—and she's got a brand-new album dropping in Fall 2025! In this unofficial tribute to the global superstar, **Taylor Swift: Fun Flaps** invites young readers (and their grown-up fans!) to celebrate all things *Tay Tay* in a colorful, chunky board book packed with fun facts, sturdy flaps, and early learning moments.

This delightful addition to *Taffy Tales'* best-selling **Fun Flaps** series introduces little Swifties to Taylor's story, from her childhood on a Christmas tree farm (watch out for those praying mantis pods!) to her rise as an award-winning singer-songwriter and cultural icon.

Learn to count to **13**, Taylor's favorite number, by counting some of her favorite things. Explore **colors** through the eras—Taylor's albums are known for their signature shades! And uncover sweet tidbits under every flap, including fun facts about her pets, her style, and her incredible journey.

With bright, whimsical illustrations and simple text, this unofficial board book blends *biographical fun* with *early concept learning*—perfect for little readers and Swiftie families alike.

Perfect for:

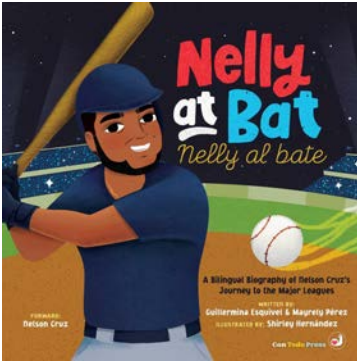
- Baby Swifties and their adoring adults
- Counting, color, and concept learning with a musical twist
- Holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, and fan collections

Get ready to shake it off and lift those flaps—because learning with Taylor has never been more fun!

About the Fun Flaps board book series: The Fun Flaps series from Taffy Tales feature fun and funny chunky board books with die-cuts throughout. They are joyful celebrations of popular subjects that promote language development and help reinforce first concepts. These are colorful and lively titles are jam-packed with objects to see and words to learn. Your little one will want to read these surprising and delightful titles again and again! Taffy Tales creates best-selling children's titles that will be cherished and remembered.

Contributor Bio

Abby, a Toronto-based children's author, is currently taking her Master's in occupational therapy at the University of Toronto. She enjoys spending time with her friends and family, and has plans for her future career work to be centered around helping children.



Nelly at Bat, Nelly al bate
A Bilingual Biography of Nelson Cruz's Journey to the Major Leagues
 Mayrely Perez, Guillermina Esquivel, Shirley Hernandez

Summary

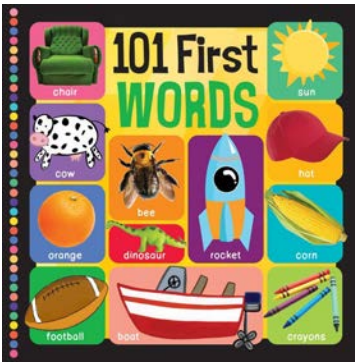
Nelly at bat: A Bilingual Biography of Nelson Cruz's Journey to the Major Leagues is an inspiring bilingual children's book that celebrates Latino pride, perseverance, and the power of dreaming big! Follow young Nelson "Nelly" Cruz as he grows up playing baseball on the fields of the Dominican Republic, fueled by passion, hard work, and an unshakable belief in his dreams. His journey to the major leagues in the United States is filled with challenges and triumphs—teaching kids that resilience, dedication, and heart can take you anywhere. With bold illustrations, encouraging text, and a heartwarming true story, this book is perfect for classroom lessons, bedtime inspiration, or family reading time. A powerful way to uplift young Latino readers, promote bilingual learning, and remind every child that no dream is too big—especially when it's fueled by courage and love for your roots! This is an authorized biography.



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 9781958615379
 Pub Date: 4/22/2026
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 Hardcover Picture Book

32 Pages
 Ages 6 to 8
 Juvenile Nonfiction / Biography &
 Autobiography
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101 First Words

Flowerpot Press

Summary

Introduce your little one to a world of everyday vocabulary with 101 First Words!

This bright and engaging board book features 101 simple and fun words, each paired with a colorful picture for easy recognition. With themes ranging from fruits and vegetables to toys, animals, and things that go, this book helps toddlers build their vocabulary across a wide range of topics. The clean design and mix of illustrations and real photos keep little learners interested, while the padded cover and sturdy pages are perfect for small hands and big imaginations. A delightful way to spark curiosity and encourage early word learning!



Flowerpot Press
9781486730148
Pub Date: 3/17/2026
\$6.99
Board Book

20 Pages
Ages 0 to 3, Grades P to K
Juvenile Nonfiction / Language
Arts
JNF029040
6.8 in H | 6.8 in W

About the 101 First Words series: The series is a perfect introduction to early vocabulary for curious toddlers. Each book features 101 clearly labeled words paired with colorful, high-interest artwork, from real photos to charming illustrations, organized by fun, familiar themes like animals, toys, colors, and food. With sturdy board pages, soft padded covers, and a toddler-friendly size, these books are built to withstand repeated readings and active little hands. Whether discovering first words or exploring the animal kingdom, this series helps young readers build language skills, expand their vocabulary, and spark a lifelong love of learning.



Snug as a Bug
 A High-Contrast Baby Book
 Stephanie Meyers

Summary

Let's play in the house as quiet as a mouse! Give me a snug hug like a bug in a rug!

Watch your baby light up as they follow along with this high-contrast board book specially designed for developing eyes and minds. The black-and-white photos paired with the bold and simplistic rhyming text make this the perfect book for introducing your growing baby to the world of reading.

About the High-Contrast Baby Book Series: This captivating collection of board books is designed to delight and engage your baby's developing eyes and mind. Featuring bold black-and-white photographs and simple, rhythmic rhymes, these books make the perfect introduction to the magic of reading. The series combines playful rhymes and a curated design to create a joyful reading experience for your baby's earliest adventures.

Contributor Bio

Stephanie Meyers lives in the Pacific Northwest. She balances her career as a graphic designer with her passion for storytelling, drawing inspiration from her son Jack's boundless imagination. Stephanie finds joy in spending time with her husband and son, often taking trips to explore the Canadian wilderness.

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 9781486731862
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 Board Book
 12 Pages
 Ages 0 to 2, Grades P to K
 Juvenile Fiction / Stories In Verse
 JUV057000
 9 in H | 7 in W



Busy Little Bee
 A High-Contrast Baby Book
 Stephanie Meyers

Summary

Let's shake and dance like we have ants in our pants! Let's explore this place at a slow snail's pace!

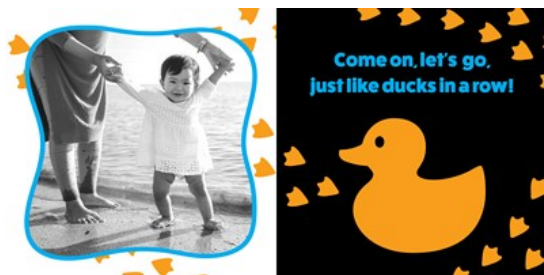
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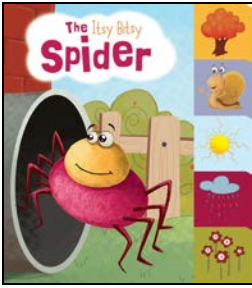
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 Juvenile Fiction / Stories In Verse
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The Itsy Bitsy Spider

Flowerpot Press

Summary

Climb along with a playful spider in this adorable retelling of *The Itsy Bitsy Spider!*

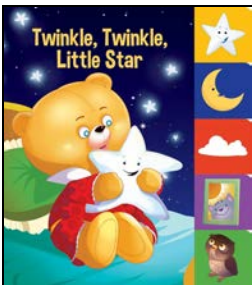
Featuring the beloved nursery rhyme and whimsical illustrations, this tabbed board book brings the classic song to life for little readers. Five sturdy tabs highlight colorful scenes from the book, inviting toddlers to turn the pages and join in on the fun. Designed for small hands and big imaginations, this interactive book is perfect for story time, and its durable format ensures it can stand up to lots of love and repeated readings.

Flowerpot Press
9781486730193
Pub Date: 4/21/26
\$6.99 USD
Board Book

10 Pages
Ages 0 to 3, Grades P to K
Juvenile Fiction / Nursery
Rhymes
JUV055000

5.7 in H | 5.1 in W

About our tabbed board books: These books bring classic nursery rhymes to life with interactive fun designed just for toddlers. Each book features five easy-to-grip tabs with artwork from the story, encouraging little readers to turn pages and follow along. With sturdy construction, charming illustrations, these board books are perfect for tiny hands, repeat reads, and memorable story times.



Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star

Flowerpot Press

Summary

Snuggle up for a soothing bedtime read with *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star!*

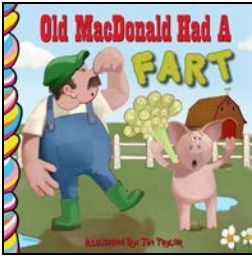
This sweet board book features the classic nursery rhyme alongside charming illustrations of a cuddly bear drifting off to sleep. With five interactive tabs featuring artwork from the story, little hands can easily explore and engage with each turn of the page. The sturdy construction is made to withstand countless bedtime reads, and its just-right size makes it perfect for toddlers to hold. Gentle, familiar, and beautifully illustrated, this book is a dreamy addition to any bedtime routine.

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9781486730209
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\$6.99 USD
Board Book

10 Pages
Ages 0 to 3, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Fiction / Nursery
Rhymes
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Old MacDonald Had a Fart

Jennifer Sutoski, Jim Taylor

Summary

Old MacDonald Had a Fart – Mother Moose Board Book

Which farm animal just farted? Join the hilarity on Old MacDonald’s farm in **Old MacDonald Had a Fart**, the latest laugh-out-loud edition from the Mother Moose series. Follow Old MacDonald and his mischievous farm animals as each one lets one rip, bringing silliness and giggles to every page!

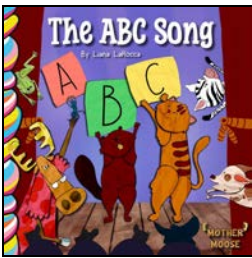
Why readers will love this book:

- **Hilarious farm fun:** Silly, lighthearted humor that will have children and parents laughing together.
- **Engaging illustrations:** Bright, playful artwork captures every cheeky moment on the farm.
- **Perfect read-aloud:** Encourages interaction, giggles, and shared storytelling for family fun.

A must-have for young readers who love animals, laughter, and silly stories, **Old MacDonald Had a Fart** is ideal for bedtime reading, storytime, and gifting. Get ready to giggle from start to finish!

Taffy Tales
9781834040509
Pub Date: 3/3/26
\$7.99 USD
Board Book

20 Pages
Ages 0 to 3
Juvenile Fiction / Nursery Rhymes
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The ABC Song 7x7

Lianna La Rocca, Liana La Rocca

Summary

Sing, giggle, and celebrate learning with The ABC Song! Mother Moose and her class are ready for their big performance—but with Mother Moose in charge, anything can happen! From A to Z, this hilarious board book follows the class as they attempt to sing the ABC Song, with playful surprises and giggles along the way. Kids will love spotting the silliness on each page while learning their letters in a fun, interactive way. Why you'll love The ABC Song: Silly learning fun: Mother Moose brings laughter to the classic ABC Song. Interactive giggles: Engaging illustrations capture kids' attention and spark conversation. Perfect for storytime: Ideal for reading aloud, building letter recognition, and sharing silly moments. About the Goodnight Giggles series: Taffy Tales' board books combine humor, learning, and interactive storytelling for end-of-day fun. These best-selling titles delight young readers again and again and make cherished keepsakes.

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Juvenile Fiction / Concepts
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Contributor Bio

Liana LaRocca is a Canadian author/illustrator who graduated from the University of Guelph with a degree in psychology.

She enjoys illustrating animals, and when she's not drawing or writing, she's usually reading, crocheting, or snuggling with her two cats!



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Board Book

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Ages 3 to 6, Grades P to 1
Juvenile Nonfiction / History
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The Star-Spangled Banner

America's National Anthem

Francis Scott Key, Flowerpot Press, Bea Moritz

Summary

Can you sing it loud and proud?

With bright illustrations and bold design, this interactive board book brings the words of "The Star-Spangled Banner" to life for the youngest patriots. Perfect for little hands and curious minds, each page highlights the beauty, bravery, and pride wrapped up in America's most iconic song.

Whether you're learning the lyrics for the first time or simply want to share the anthem's spirit with your child, this is a keepsake that will grow with your family through every Fourth of July, Veterans Day, and school assembly.

Perfect for:

- Toddlers discovering national symbols
- Parents introducing U.S. history
- Educators and classrooms
- Patriotic gifts and family collections

Sing. Share. Celebrate.

Contributor Bio

Bea Moritz grew up with a love for art. In school she studied English literature and later received a diploma in computer animation. After the birth of her first child, she decided to pursue her passion for painting and art, and even worked as freelance artist. Bea lives in the mountains with her husband, three kids, and the family dog, and spends her free time skiing in the winter and mountain biking in the summer.



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I Love America

Taffy Tales, JiaJia Hamner

Summary

I Love You, USA – A Patriotic Board Book for Little Hands and Big Hearts

Celebrate the land of the free and the home of the brave with *I Love You, USA!* This lyrical board book takes readers on a joyful journey across America, comparing a parent's boundless love to the breathtaking beauty and iconic landmarks of the United States. From Montana's big skies to the Gulf Coast bayous, from the soaring Rocky Mountains to the shining seas, this book is a tribute to everything that makes America unforgettable.

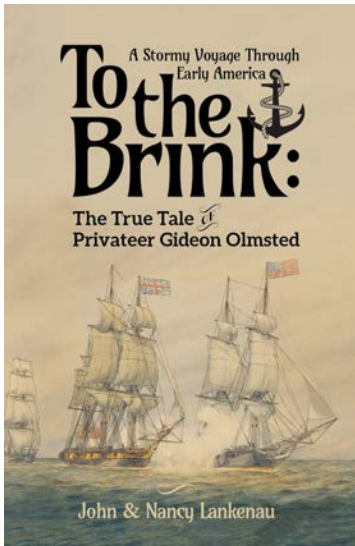
Releasing just in time for Independence Day and America's 250th birthday, this keepsake title is perfect for patriotic families who want to share their love for their country—and each other—with the next generation. With playful rhymes and stunning illustrations, *I Love You, USA* is as big, bold, and beautiful as America itself.

Why You'll Love This Book

- **A Heartfelt Celebration of America:** Features iconic landscapes and cultural touchstones that make the U.S.A. extraordinary.
- **Perfect for Patriotic Holidays and Everyday Pride:** Ideal for July 4th, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or as a gift for new parents who love their country.
- **Encourages Early Learning and Family Bonding:** Rhythmic text and vivid art foster language development and make story time memorable.

Whether you're cheering at a small-town parade, waving the stars and stripes, or simply celebrating the everyday beauty of life in the U.S.A., this book will inspire pride and joy on every page. Because when it comes to love—like America—it knows no bounds.

About the Love You Forever Board Book Series: The *Love You Forever* series from Taffy Tales features love-themed board books that celebrate the people, places, and traditions that matter most. These beautifully illustrated titles promote language development and social-emotional learning while creating moments families will treasure forever.



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To the Brink

A Stormy Voyage Through Early America The Epic Tale of Privateer of Gideon Olmsted

John Lankenau, Nancy Lankenau

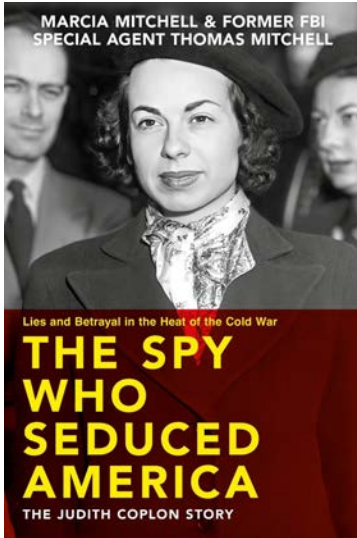
Summary

A mutiny at sea, a decades-long legal battle—*To the Brink* is the real-life revolutionary epic you didn't learn in school.

To the Brink tells the true and riveting story of Gideon Olmsted, a Connecticut sea captain whose boldness and persistence made him a thorn in the side of both the British Crown and the young American government. Captured by the British during the American Revolution, Olmsted didn't just endure imprisonment—he masterminded a dramatic mutiny to reclaim the ship and chart his own course to freedom. But his greatest battle came not on the high seas, but in the courtroom, where a decades-long legal struggle challenged the very definition of American sovereignty. With the pulse-pounding pace of an adventure novel and the depth of meticulously researched history, *To the Brink* brings to life the harrowing voyages, fierce loyalties, and foundational conflicts that shaped the early American Republic. A story of resilience, rebellion, and the birth of a nation, this is history as you've never read it before.

Contributor Bio

John and Nancy live in the small town of Lake Havasu City in northwestern Arizona. John is an orthopaedic surgeon specializing in spinal surgery. When he isn't working, John's interests include a lifetime love of flying. If not flying, John can be found reading or fly fishing on a quiet creek in Colorado. Nancy loves outdoor activities of all kinds. After completing J.D./Ph.D. degrees and admission to the Colorado Bar, Nancy worked first in special education law at the state level and later in higher education at the University of Colorado. This book is the second of their collaborative writing efforts. In 2020, Little Creek Press published their first historical narrative, *An Ingenious Excuse: The True Story of Patrick Lyon and the First Great American Bank Robbery*.



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The Spy Who Seduced America

Lies and Betrayal in the Heat of the Cold War—The Judith Coplon Story

Marcia Mitchell, Thomas Mitchell

Summary

"An entire chapter of American paranoia and mania," launched by Judith Coplon, the first spy to be tried during the Cold War.

In this true, "riveting tale of espionage," US Department of Justice employee Judith Coplon either did or did not spy for Russia. Amazingly, she was tried in twin trials in two cities, watched riveted as both verdicts were overturned, and waited for nearly two decades to learn her fate.

Like the polarized public at the time, the authors—one a retired FBI agent who worked the 1949 case—disagreed about her guilt more than fifty years later. Now, in this refreshed second edition, *The Spy Who Seduced America* reflects their investigation of polarizing evidence, including fallout from "unidentified informants," which took them from Washington to Moscow. Finally, they located a truth that neither could deny—and in the process shined a light on government actions that are still controversial, and in use, today.

In a Publisher's Note for this second edition, we find uncanny parallels between this seminal case and today's counterespionage policies—including government overreach, privacy laws, illegal wiretaps, and more. As the "girl spy" who seduced America taught us, it's one thing to know something, and another to prove it.

Contributor Bio

Marcia Mitchell served as Secretary of Labor for the State of South Dakota, a senior manager for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Associate Director of The American Film Institute; she also has written and published nonfiction in various genres throughout her career. Thomas Mitchell was an FBI agent for seventeen years, specializing in intelligence and counterintelligence work, before becoming Vice President for Government Affairs for the Georgia-Pacific Corporation. The couple was inspired to investigate and write nonfiction in the counterespionage genre when Tom first told Marcia his account of working on the Judith Coplon case in the 1940s and 50s. They also collaborated on the 2008 volume *The Spy Who Tried to Stop a War: Katharine Gun and the Secret Plot to Sanction the Iraq Invasion*—which inspired the 2019 feature-length film *Official Secrets* starring Keira Knightley.

After Tom's death in 2010, Marcia continued her research and writing; their collaborative spy projects inspired a fictional series—featuring Maggie Sachet, a quirky FBI agent whose globe-trotting adventures to solve murders were vetted by real FBI agents for accuracy. Marcia is also the author of another upcoming novel, *The Bridge to Somewhere*, along with several previously published works of nonfiction, including *Cosmetics from the Kitchen*, *Management Strategies for Women*, and *Raindance to Research*.



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The Wildflower Girls

Quest to Save Unicorn Magic

Ashley Wall, Lauren Foster

Summary

An enchanting quest that shines with friendship, teamwork, and girl power.

CHIME! When the Wildflower Girls' charm bracelets sound, Blossom, Sunny, Sprout, and Poppy race to their secret meeting spot beneath the willow tree. There, they uncover a dazzling secret: unicorns are real! But their magic is fading fast, and without it, Unitopia, a hidden land full of wonder, will lose its sparkle forever.

With courage and curiosity, the girls jump into action. With the connection of their bracelets and the swirl of wildflowers, they are transported to Unitopia. But the mystery of the disappearing magic isn't as simple as it first seems. The friends must work together to face surprising challenges that test their teamwork, bravery, and hearts.

Can Blossom, Sunny, Sprout, and Poppy unlock the truth and save the unicorns before the last bit of magic disappears? Or will Unitopia be lost for good?

Packed with friendship, adventure, and just the right touch of sparkle, *The Wildflower Girls Quest to Save Unicorn Magic* is a story that shows kids the power of teamwork, courage, and believing in themselves.

This story reminds readers that staying true to who you are is powerful, and that each of us brings something valuable to the world.

Contributor Bio

Lauren Foster is an award-winning illustrator who loves all things color and creating detailed and realistic drawings using colored pencils. She has taught art to elementary, middle school, and high school students, and she is currently pursuing her dream of owning her own mobile art studio that runs out of an old school bus. She enjoys being a mom, wife, teacher, and artist. This is the very first book she has illustrated, which has been an incredible experience.

Ashley Wall, M.Ed., is the award-winning author of *The Day I Had* series, a dynamic educator and passionate architect of imagination. Alongside her two spirited children, Ashley creates enchanting stories filled with whimsical friends and thrilling adventures that captivate young readers. Ashley is dedicated to igniting young minds and knows that each child has the power to change the world for the better. She lives in Austin, Texas.



Hometown Treasure Hunt

Abbi Lee, Rebeckah Gerstner

Summary

Book #2 in the Geocache Club series for lower middle grade readers, the mystery is expanded as new geocaches and friendships are launched right at home and off into space.

Layton Clark thought his treasure hunting days with Sherry would never end, but then they ran out of geocaches. When the school's new Geocache Club decides to create a geocache hiking trail, he's not sure it will be enough to bring back the adventure.

But then he stumbles upon more hidden relics marked with the mysterious initials 'RBT'—the same initials that led them on their unforgettable experiences in Prairie Springs. As new geocaches pop up around town, Layton and Sherry retrace the path of the hidden treasure, all while Layton struggles with a new fear—losing his best friend to the very club they created.

With a century-old mystery still looming over him, a growing collection of lost artifacts, and a friendship at a fork in the road, Layton must decide what's worth holding on to, and what's better left in the past.

Contributor Bio

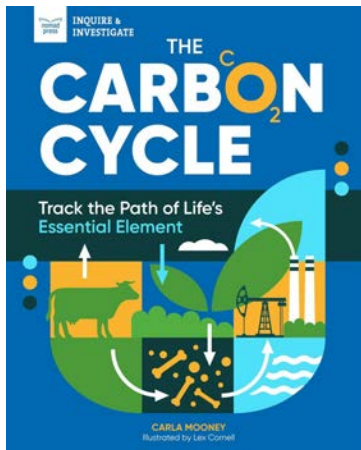
Abbi Lee has always found joy within the world of a book. She taught high school English and Social Studies before turning her full attention to writing. Her lower middle grade series "Geocache Club" is published by Chicken Scratch Books. Abbi also enjoys cooking, baking, geocaching for hidden treasures, and going on adventures with her husband and two daughters in the great state of Kansas.



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The Carbon Cycle
Track the Path of Life's Essential Element
Carla Mooney, Lex Cornell

Summary

What element is found in all known forms of life? Carbon!

Scientists call carbon the chemical backbone of life on Earth. That's because without carbon, there'd be no humans, animals, plants, microbes, or any other kind of life. In ***The Carbon Cycle: Track the Path of Life's Essential Element***, young scientists explore how the first life forms that evolved on our planet consumed carbon and now, 4 billion years later, carbon is still the building block of all known forms of life.

Carbon regulates the planet's temperature, serves as the foundation of our food web, and provides the energy that fuels the global economy. Carbon is stored in rocks, sediment, the ocean, the atmosphere—and in every living thing, including people. Carbon rotates through these reservoirs in what we call the carbon cycle. The carbon cycle relies on balance, but as we continue to burn fossil fuels, more of the carbon stored in rock gets released into the atmosphere, upsetting the careful balance that keeps our climate healthy and habitable.

Learn all about the carbon cycle and the human influence on that cycle through a compelling narrative, links to online resources, essential questions, text-to-world observations, hands-on STEM activities, and graphic-novel style illustrations and photographs.

Additional materials include a glossary, a list of media for further learning, a selected bibliography, and index. All books are leveled for Guided Reading level and Lexile and align with Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards.

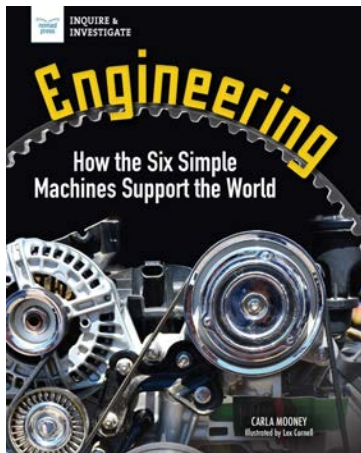
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Engineering

How the Six Simple Machines Support the World

Carla Mooney, Lex Cornell

Summary

A fully illustrated book about simple machines for the next generation of engineers!

How do we build skyscrapers? How did ancient people construct pyramids? Why are gears an essential part of motors?

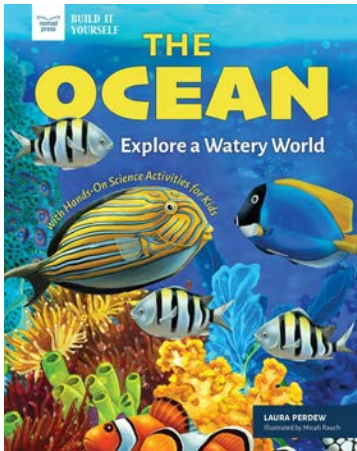
In **Engineering: How the Six Simple Machines Support the World**, young engineers learn how mechanical, structural, civil, and other types of engineering are based on the six simple machines that humans have been using for thousands of years. The screw, pulley, wedge, wheel and axle, inclined plane, and lever are used to build roads, skyscrapers, bridges, engines, and even other tools. They are the building blocks on which more complicated machines are based. Without these six simple machines, the world would look far different and be much more work to navigate!

Dive deep into the history of simple machines, from ancient times to present day, and learn the physics behind how they increase efficiency and productivity through mechanical advantage. Hands-on STEM activities encourage use of the engineering design process as kids brainstorm and build practical prototypes and explore how we might employ simple machines in the future.

Additional materials include a glossary, a list of media for further learning, a selected bibliography, and index. All books are leveled for Guided Reading level and Lexile and align with Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards.

All titles are available in paperback, hardcover, and ebook formats.





The Ocean
 Explore a Watery World with Hands-On Science Activities for Kids
 Laura Perdew, Micah Rauch

Summary

A fascinating exploration of the different parts of the ocean and the creatures that live there!

The mighty ocean covers 70 percent of the planet, supports well over 100,000 marine species, regulates climate, feeds billions of people, and plays a key role in the carbon cycle. Yet the ocean is also fragile and needs our help.

In *The Ocean: Explore a Watery World with Hands-On Science Activities for Kids*, young marine biologists learn the ocean’s history and the key roles it plays on Earth, including its part in the carbon cycle and in regulating weather and climate. Explore the polar oceans, intertidal zones, the shallow ocean, and the open ocean, and discover the incredible biodiversity adapted to living there. Find out how people use and rely on the ocean and how humans are making a giant impact on this massive body of water.

Each chapter examines different aspect of our oceans and our scientific understanding, including past and current ocean conservation efforts around the world. Sidebars about technology, species spotlights, and short biographies about ocean explorers and scientists provide insight into the marine-human relationship, while hands-on activities and critical thinking exercises invite all kinds of learners to gain a deeper understanding of Earth’s oceans. A compelling narrative style, fun facts, glossary words defined on the page, and links to primary source combine to take readers on an investigative journey of the ocean.

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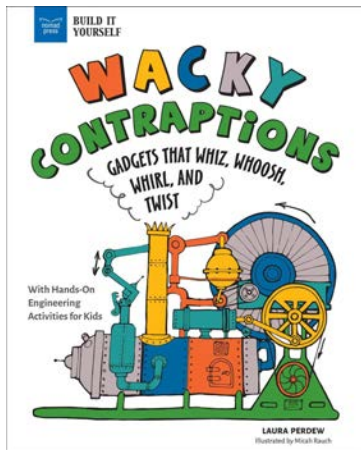
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Wacky Contraptions

Gadgets That Whiz, Whoosh, Whirl, and Twist with Hands-On Engineering Activities

Laura Perdw, Micah Rauch

Summary

A hands-on project book for kids who love building wacky contraptions!

How do we make contraptions that zoom, bounce, tower, and collapse? By using hands-on STEAM engineering!

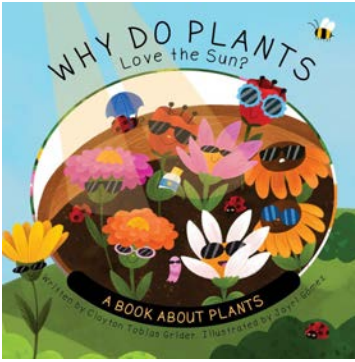
In **Wacky Contraptions: Gadgets That Whiz, Whoosh, Whirl, and Twist with Hands-On Engineering Activities**, young engineers ages 9 to 12 brainstorm, design, and build devices using the engineering design process. Kids learn about simple machines, mechanical advantage, forces, energy, motion, electricity, and other physical science concepts while creating fun and fascinating prototypes that do different kinds of work. Plus, this book encourages kids to adopt a growth mindset and understand that when their projects don't work, that's a sign that it's time to revise and try again!

Built around a plethora of hands-on projects—a conveyor belt, magnetic slime, and a water wheel are just a few examples—a fun narrative style engages kids in discussions of the forces that define our world and the work we do in it. Tension, magnetism, electricity, and chemistry affect our daily lives in ways we often overlook—but armed with the power of knowledge, kids can identify and use the science that surrounds them. Graphic novel style illustrations, photographs, fun facts, sidebars, links to online resources, and more make **Wacky Contraptions** entertaining and educational.

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Why Do Plants Love the Sun?

A Book About Plants

Clayton Grider, Jayri Gomez

Summary

Have you ever wondered WHY plants look the way they do?

Plants come in all shapes, sizes, and colors. From the spiky cactus in the desert to the tallest trees reaching toward the sky in the forest, they all have special traits that help them grow big and strong. Learn fun facts about different types of plants, how they act, and what makes them unique in this simple yet informative introduction to nonfiction.

Readers will learn the answers behind:

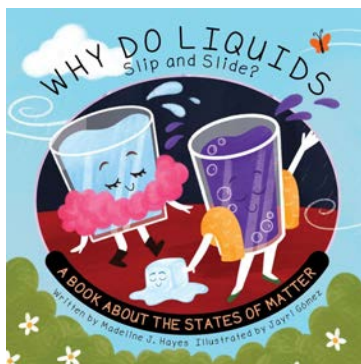
- Why do plants need seeds?
- Why do plants have roots?
- Why do plants love the sun?
- Why do some plants have flowers?
- Why do some trees lose their leaves before winter?
- Why do some plants have thorns?

About the Why Do series: Introduce early learners to nonfiction with this layered series full of fun and learning. Each book explores a STEM topic by answering questions kids want to know! The whimsical pages of these books feature the why do questions and silly answers and illustrations before revealing the true answers. Vocabulary words and simple activities are scattered throughout to add to the fun.

Contributor Bio

Clayton Grider is a proud University of Tennessee alum with a passion for education, math, and the amazing ways the world works. With a love for critters and curiosity, Clayton writes children's books that show no challenge is too hard to tackle—especially when you have one special ingredient: curiosity! Through fun stories and exciting discoveries, he helps young readers see that anyone can learn math, science, and beyond. When not writing, Clayton loves exploring nature, solving puzzles, and reading!

Jayri Gómez is a children's book illustrator from the Dominican Republic. From a very young age, Jayri knew she wanted to pursue drawing and found her dream job in illustrating books. As an illustrator, Jayri has published many works with various brands and publishers. She is now making her debut as an author called *The Stars of Din*. As an expert in multitasking, she likes to sing or watch videos while working on her art. She lives in the tropical Santo Domingo, with her kittens Momo and Ginny.



Why Do Liquids Slip and Slide?

A Book About the States of Matter

Madeline J. Hayes, Jayri Gomez

Summary

Have you ever wondered WHY things around you look and act the way they do?

The world around us is made up of particles we call matter. Science can help us better understand what matter is and how it works. Learn facts about different states of matter, how they act, and how they can sometimes change in this simple yet informative introduction to nonfiction.

Readers will learn the answers behind:

- Why do we call some things matter?
- Why do we call some things solid, liquid, or gas?
- Why do solids stay still?
- Why do liquids slip and slide?
- Why do gases get to go wherever they want?
- Why do some things get to be many different states of matter?

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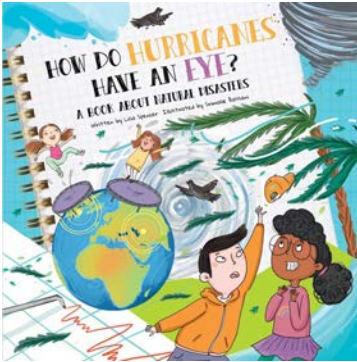
Madeline Hayes is a self-described science nerd. She loves it! Especially biology and chemistry. She has a B.S. with Honors in chemical and biomolecular engineering, pre-medicine and a minor in chemistry from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, class of 2018. Madeline has expertise in engineering, chemistry, and mass cytometry and works using these skills to assist with research at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. She isn't sure where her work and learning will take her, but she knows science will be at the core of her career and she credits that love of science to the many awesome teachers she's had through the years.

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How Do Hurricanes Have an Eye?

A Book About Natural Disasters

Lisa Spencer, Srimalie Bassani

Summary

Have you ever wondered how earthquakes shake the ground or what makes a blizzard different than a snowstorm?

Come along on a science adventure to learn all about natural weather events, how and where they form, the science behind them, safety tips and alerts to know if they do, and so much more through diagrams, illustrations, and informative and engaging text. Each of the six questions examined in the book are given a silly answer before the true answer is revealed making this an approachable way to learn nonfiction. Back matter includes a glossary and activities to further learning.

Questions answered in the book:

- How do hurricanes have an eye? Unlike the eyes we have, this one is calm and in the center of a massive storm!
- How do tornados get so strong? High wind speeds up the strength of a tornado.
- How do you know how much water is too much water? Too much water means there could be flooding, and not enough water means there could be a drought.
- How do earthquakes shake the ground? Tectonic plates bumping against each other can cause the ground to shake.
- How do tsunamis form? Underwater earthquakes can create massive waves.
- How do blizzards out-snow and out-freeze regular snowstorms? Blizzards require more wind, last longer, and lead to less visibility.

About the How Do series: These fully illustrated nonfiction picture books are a great introduction to various STEM topics. Each title includes facts and figures, simple diagrams and hilarious illustrations and is written in a question-and-answer format to encourage readers to ask questions and guess the answers before exploring the science behind the correct answers.



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How Do You Make Your Own Luck?

A Math Book About Probabilities

Clayton Grider, Srimalie Bassani

Summary

Have you ever wondered how some people get so lucky when it comes to playing games?

Explore the world of probability! Learn how probability works, how to find the probability of some scenarios, and so much more through diagrams, illustrations, and informative and engaging text. Each of the six questions examined in the book are given a silly answer before the true answer is revealed making this an approachable way to learn nonfiction. Back matter includes a glossary and activities to further learning.

Questions answered in the book:

- How do you know what's going to happen next?
- How do you know if something is likely or unlikely?
- How do you make your own luck?
- How do you count all the possibilities?
- How do you know if something is fair?
- How do you find the probability of more than one thing?

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Contributor Bio

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How Do Quarterbacks Throw a Perfect Pass?

The Biomechanics and Physics Behind Sports

Clayton Grider, Srimalie Bassani

Summary

Have you ever wondered how hockey players skate on ice without falling or how soccer players can kick a ball around other players?

It's time to get your head in the game and learn all about the science of some of your favorite sports including baseball, football, swimming, and so much more through diagrams, illustrations, and informative and engaging text. Each of the six questions examined in the book are given a silly answer before the true answer is revealed making this an approachable way to learn nonfiction. Back matter includes a glossary and activities to further learning.



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- How do quarterbacks throw a perfect pass? They throw the ball in a spiral and rely on angular momentum.
- How do Olympic swimmers swim so fast? Reducing resistance and staying buoyant help swimmers in the pool.
- How do hockey players skate without slipping on the ice? They know how to use friction in their favor!

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How Do You Become President? A Book About World Leaders and Government

Ben Murphy, Srimalie Bassani

Summary

Have you ever wondered how someone becomes president or how some countries have kings or queens?

Explore different types of world leaders from around the globe, learn about the governments they run, and so much more through diagrams, illustrations, and informative and engaging text. Each of the six questions examined in the book are given a silly answer before the true answer is revealed making this an approachable way to learn nonfiction. Back matter includes a glossary and activities to further learning.

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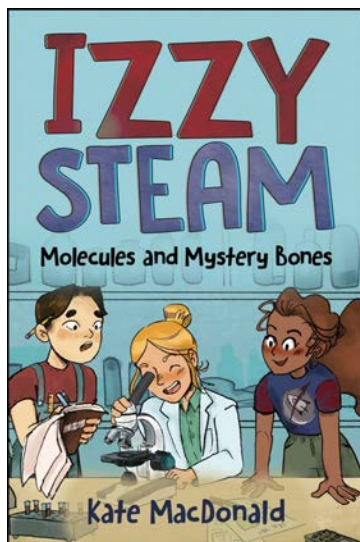
- How do you become president of your country?
- How do countries decide whether to have a president or prime minister?
- How do countries end up with a king or queen?
- How does a chancellor become leader of their country?
- How do you become supreme leader?
- How do countries decide what type of leader they want?

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Contributor Bio

Ben Murphy is a passionate storyteller and curious thinker who loves helping young minds explore big ideas. He studied business at the University of Georgia, but his interests extend far beyond the classroom. From watching documentaries to following world events, Ben is always learning about how leaders make a difference, both at home and around the globe. His first book, *How Do You Become a World Leader?* is his way of showing the next generation that great leadership can start at any age.

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Izzy Steam
Molecules and Mystery Bones
Kate MacDonald

Summary

When Izzy Steam, an eleven-year-old aspiring biologist with a case of anxious perfectionism, arrives at the Science Valley Boarding School, she feels right at home. Alongside her PhD-level mother and her ambitious new friends, Danica and Micah, it's as if the school were made for kids like her. But is she really good enough to be there?

One night, Izzy happens upon a curious bone from Micah's collection of treasures found in the woods around campus, which sends her into a molecular mystery. Maybe this could be Izzy's claim to fame as a young scientist! With the guidance of one of her teachers, Dr. Pabo, who helps her test the remains, Izzy learns the bone contains not-quite-human DNA. It's certainly not that of an animal, either. One thing's for sure—the bone is very old. So old, in fact, it could be a link to humanity's ancestral past...

Then again, through the rigors of the scientific method, Izzy might make an even greater discovery—being wrong is okay, and the best results aren't always perfect. Alternating between narration and excerpts from Izzy's lab notebook, *Molecules and Mystery Bones* is a tale of a worried girl's deep exploration into the tools of careful study and young life.

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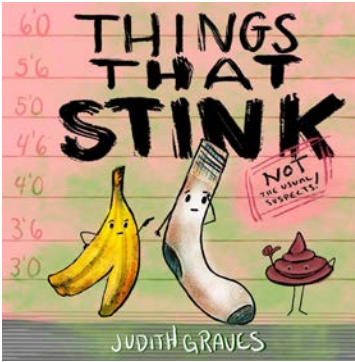
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Kate is also an active science communicator with nearly a decade of experience writing educational articles for *Let's Talk Science* magazine and delivering science talks for the general public. She is the founder of Zoom a Grad Student, a virtual outreach program that connects high schoolers with life science graduate students to learn about science careers and how to navigate life as a young adult. Her work can be found at katemacdonaldphd.com



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Things That Stink

Judith Graves

Summary

Sometimes, things in life don't go the way we want them to, and that stinks. But this book isn't about those kinds of stinky things, rotten as they may be. This book is about nature's love of all things smelly ? on our planet and beyond. Why? Because they're fun and kind of gross ? yet strangely beautiful, and they smell the way they do for important reasons.

Humans may not have the best sense of smell in the animal kingdom, but we do alright. In fact, scientists are discovering more about our sniffer abilities all the time. Smells can be refreshing and soothing, or they can warn us of danger. Smells can make our stomachs hungry, or they can make our stomachs heave. Smells can even help us remember people and events from long ago. Impressive, right? But you're probably here for the "gross details" previously mentioned.

Okay, plug your nose, turn that page, and let's dig into *Things That Stink!*

Disclaimer: Unfortunately, this book does not include scratch-and-sniff stickers, but get ready to make some sense out of scents.

Author/illustrator Judith Graves takes readers on a humorous, informative, and *stinking cute* exploration of ten *Things That Stink!* on our planet and beyond.

Contributor Bio

Judith Graves is an award-winning young adult fiction writer (Exposed and Infiltrate: Retribution Series with Orca Book Publishers) as well as a screenwriter and illustrator. A firm believer that fiction can be action-packed, snarky, and yet hit the right emotional notes, Judith writes stories with attitude. She lives in Summerside, Prince Edward Island with her husband and fur-babies. Judith Graves is also the author/illustrator of *A Tale of Two Kitties*.



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The Real Story—and Legacy—of the Most Famous T. rexes on Earth

Peter Larson, Kristin Donnan

Summary

The true, personal, behind-the-scenes account of paleontology's most dramatic adventure!

This is it: The only first-hand account of the most storied chapter in paleontological history—expanded in this second edition with 100 additional pages. Released more than twenty years after the first edition, this volume brings both a riveting personal story and the cutting edge of *T. rex* science. Peter Larson, team leader of the field crew that's dug more *T. rex* than anyone else, reveals what he's contributed to hunting, restoring, and researching dinosaurs—over his now seven decades of experience.

Both OG paleo fans and new generation of enthusiasts have a chance to explore the updated personal drama that occurred when the most famous *rex* ever, Sue, was seized by the FBI, changing Larson's international headlines from science to politics. The first edition of this story inspired Todd Douglas Miller's 2014 Emmy Award®-winning documentary, *Dinosaur 13*—which featured both authors on screen.

However, this second edition also fills in “what happened next”—with revealing tales behind the next crop of headlines in Larson's life. Learn about the second-best *rex*, Stan, and yet another jaw-dropping lawsuit—as well as Larson's work to help government agencies and courts to create fair and proper permitting processes for field paleontologists.

This is what really happened to this champion of the past—a man who never lost his faith, and the goals he continues to work toward—all for the love of science. This is a book about passion and persistence; if you love dinosaurs, this book is a true inspiration.

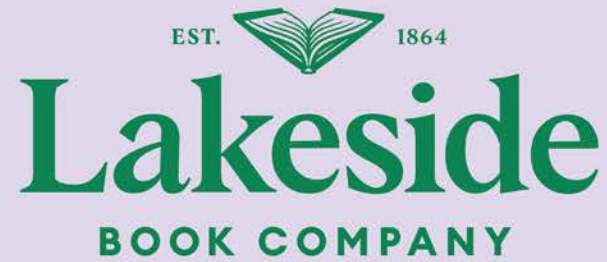
Contributor Bio

Peter Larson has celebrated more than fifty years in business, after starting a fledgling rock business during undergraduate school. Since then, he's created the largest private fossil company in the world, Black Hills Institute of Geologic Research. The company has placed dozens of real and cast skeletons, as well as countless other fossil specimens, in major museums and smaller collections on many continents.

Through his company, Larson also has paved the way for independent paleontologists the world over—and made headlines when the team excavated the world's two most complete, significant *T. rex* skeletons, in 1990 and 1992. He knew they were the finds of a lifetime, but Larson had no way of foreseeing that “Sue” and “Stan” would plunge him down an unexpected rabbit hole—into a topsy-turvy, *Alice in Wonderland* world that caused him to risk everything.

Kristin Donnan, then a reporter for NBC's *Unsolved Mysteries*, returned home to South Dakota to cover Larson's struggle for Sue. She soon cut her paleo teeth at the excavation site of Stan, the *rex* that twenty years later would forever change paleontology; years later, she supported the production of *Dinosaur 13*.

Along with researching paleontology, Kristin owns an independent publishing company; writes her own feature and television screenplays; writes documentary scripts for MacGillivray Freeman Films, the world's largest producer of giant-screen documentary films; and provides consulting services for other authors.



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